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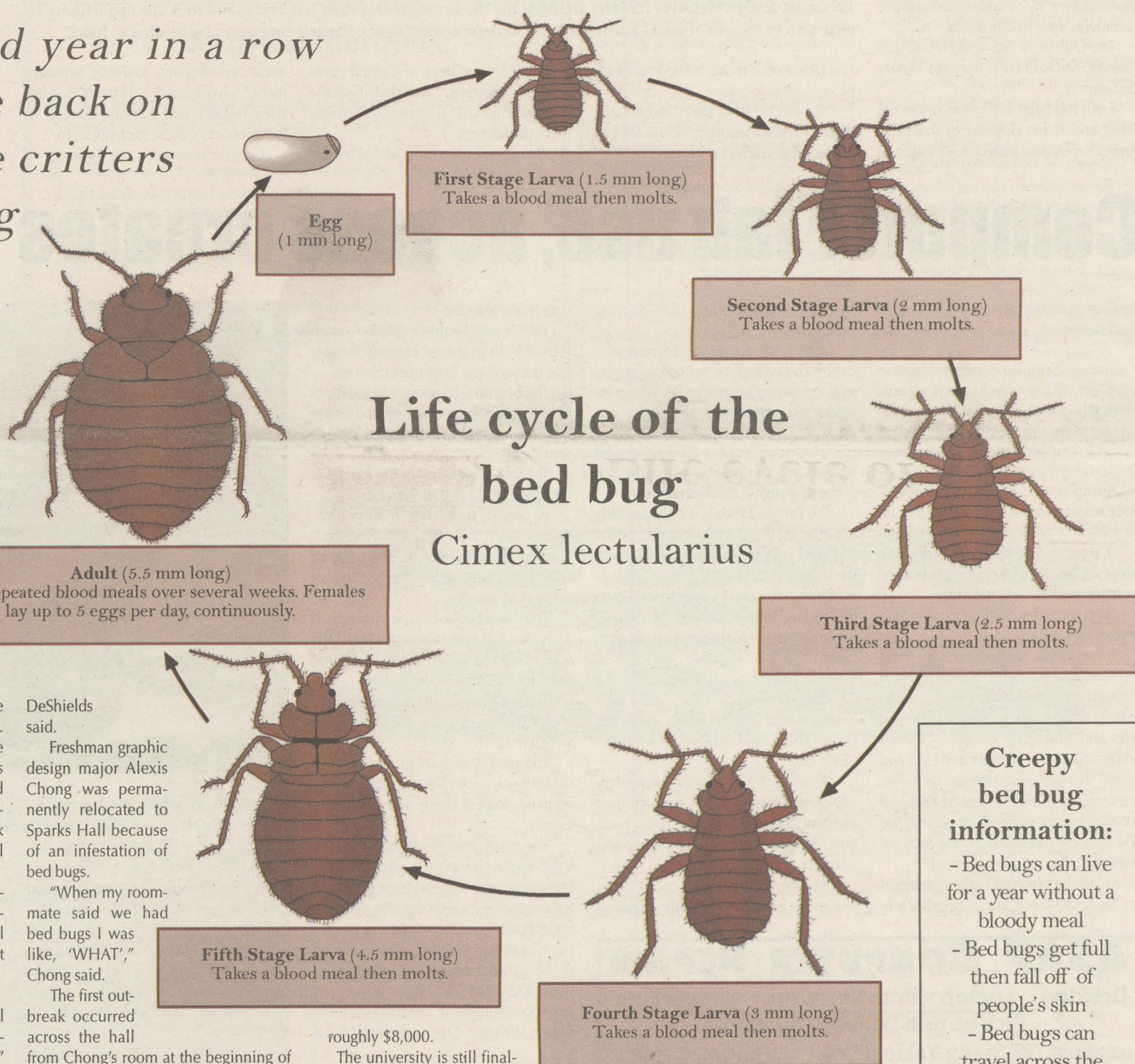
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THEY'RE BA-A-A-CK...

For the third year in a row
bed bugs are back on
campus. The critters
are becoming
a problem
across the
country...
again.



by Korben Cook
Staff reporter

Beck Hall has been hit with another infestation of bed bugs this season.

Bed bugs are no strangers to the Central Washington University campus. The university has been battling the pests since 2001. The rise of bed bugs is a national issue. The new-age bed bug problem has been growing so significantly that USA Today, The New York Times and Dateline NBC have all recently covered the issue.

"In another year or two I'll be surprised if no universities have this problem," said Andrew Soeprono, technical specialist with Eden Advanced Pest Technologies:

Eden is based out of Olympia.

"In talking to my colleagues at all the other institutions, they have had situations dealing with bed bugs as well," said Richard DeShields, director of residence life and new student programs.

The first reported cases of bed bugs in the United States occurred during the Great Depression of the 1930s. Once people became aware of the problem, households started to use better cleaning practices and almost wiped out bed bugs in America.

In the past decade, bed bugs have begun to crawl back into households.

Central's first reported case this school year happened a few weeks into fall quarter.

Central conducts annual pest inspections and fumigation of residence halls for all pests – not just bed bugs.

Although the bugs are a new experience for new students, this outbreak has been very similar to previous ones,

DeShields said.

Freshman graphic design major Alexis Chong was permanently relocated to Sparks Hall because of an infestation of bed bugs.

"When my roommate said we had bed bugs I was like, 'WHAT'," Chong said.

The first outbreak occurred across the hall from Chong's room at the beginning of fall quarter.

"My roommate was getting bumps all over her [and] was freaking out," Chong said.

There have been three reports of bed bugs this year and students were given the option to permanently move to another dorm or return to their original room after the room had been treated.

Eden Technologies inspected all rooms with reported problems, not only for bed bugs, but other pests like ants and spiders as well.

"If there were problems before, [the university] should have just fixed it or told us about the problems before," Chong said.

Removing beds and furniture from infested rooms for inspections and sealing the rooms has cost the university

roughly \$8,000.

The university is still finalizing costs with Eden and other fumigation companies DeShields said, but the overall cost is dependent upon the severity of the infestation.

Preventing bed bugs is difficult because they can travel in cardboard, on clothing and on various mammals and birds.

The university has inspected many rooms since the first reported outbreaks.

Each previously infested room has been inspected every three weeks since the beginning of the academic year for any signs of returning colonies of bed bugs.

When a student reports a bite, their room is monitored every week for any types of insects.

"I think there are a lot of misperceptions about bed bugs," DeShields said.

One myth about bed bugs is that they only show up in dirty rooms – not so.

"Bed bugs really have nothing to do with the cleanliness issue," DeShields said. "For students who might experience bed bugs they do not want people to know because they don't want people to think they're dirty."

Bed bugs are tiny nocturnal insects that feed on warm-blooded creatures, according to the Cornell Insect Diagnostic Laboratory Web site. Usually, they feed on people at night, when people are sleeping, hence the name, "bed bugs."

Their bites are recognizable by the presence of small itchy red bumps.

Along with providing inspections by

Creepy bed bug information:

- Bed bugs can live for a year without a bloody meal
- Bed bugs get full then fall off of people's skin
- Bed bugs can travel across the country in a suitcase

pest extermination companies, DeShields said the university responds to all student bite complaints in a timely manner. Students are referred to the health center to ensure their safety and that of the residence halls.

Human safety has come at the cost of pest extermination.

The way pesticides were used in the past, no bug had a chance to escape because everything was sprayed from ceiling-to-floor, Soeprono said.

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Alumni honor four professors for excellence

by Hallie Luginsland
Staff reporter

Each year the Alumni Association presents an "Excellence In Teaching Award" to one faculty member from each of the four colleges at Central Washington University.

This year, four faculty members are Mike Ervin, Graeme Coetzer, Amy Hoover and Andrew Downs, were recognized in the Sue Lombard room Friday Nov. 3.

The award honors new faculty by recognizing them for outstanding teaching skills early in their careers.

Recipients must have spent more than two years and less than six years teaching at Central.

The room was filled with fellow faculty and staff who joined in on conversation and a light lunch.

Provost David Soltz introduced each of the four deans who then announced the award recipient from their college.

Each gave a brief background on their teaching styles and shared positive comments from past students.

The College of Arts and Humanities honored Michael Ervin from the history department.

Ervin has been at Central since fall 2002 and is the director of the Latin American studies program. His area of



Clare Jensen/Observer

President Jerilyn McIntyre (center) attended the the award presentation last Friday and took the opportunity to chat with recipients Michael Ervin (left) and Andrew downs (right). Participants were also treated to lunch.

specialization is modern Mexican history.

"Central students are extraordinarily diverse in their learning," Ervin said. "I am among excellent company."

Roy Savoian, dean of Central's college of business, awarded Graeme Coetzer from CWU- Lynwood management department.

"He certainly has succeeded in cre-

ating an effective learning environment," Savoian said. "He treats students with respect and has an interest in whether or not these students learn."

Coetzer is an assistant professor of

human resource management.

Amy Hoover, professor of flight technology was this year's recipient from the College of Education and Professional Studies.

Hoover started flying in the 1980s and has worked as a geologist, a white water guide and an air taxi pilot before she began teaching.

"Aside from flying, teaching is a great passion in Amy's life," said Dean Rebecca Bower, Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies.

Hoover has had several articles and books published, and is currently working on her Ph.D. from Oregon State University. She started teaching at Central in 2003.

The College of the Sciences recognized Andrew Downs, assistant professor of psychology.

Downs has a B.A. in psychology and history from the University of Notre Dame.

He received both his masters and Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Washington State University.

Downs was a large part in starting the early intervention project at Central.

"It's important to recognize teaching and that's one of the important things about Central," Downs said. "It truly is a special place."

Computer lab use, access creates debate

by Carleigh Lorenz
Staff reporter

Imagine being on deadline to turn in a project. You're searching for a computer lab with the program you need. You get to the computer lab and realize a class in session, and you can't go in to finish your project.

Arturo Arana, senior political science major, said he thinks there should be a 24-hour computer lab on campus.

"I went to Western for a year and [their 24-hour computer lab] was used by many students," Arana said.

There are about 28 computer labs on campus.

"I can't even tell you because there are ones that we have that we support through ITS," said David Storla, information technology project director for labs and university centers. "There's additional labs in Hebel and Lind and Farrell that are departmental labs. The ones we list we call the open labs and are available for students for general use and they are supported [by the tech fee technology fee paid by students]."

In all the computer labs combined on campus, there are approximately

156 Apple machines and 384 IBM computers.

Jason Erickson, junior business education and education technology major, said the library computer lab where he works accommodates the most students.

"I've never seen a student not be able to get a computer when they've come in at night," Erickson said.

The Farrell 219 lab is only partially covered by the ITS department, and it has already been dropped from the tech fee support, Storla said.

Shaw-Smyser 216 was turned over to the ITAM (Information Technology Administrative Management) department.

Storla believes students are using the computer labs.

"Just to get into the library and some of the other labs, I think you'll see that," Storla said.

Micah Flajole, senior secondary education major, works as a student assistant (SA) in the Black 226-01 computer lab. There are enough computer labs on campus, he said.

"Maybe Shaw-Smyser could use a few more because it's really crowded

over there," he said.

Flajole said he tries to make himself available to students. He usually gets one question per hour from students.

The best time to come into the Black 226-01 lab is early morning and late in the day and in between classes, Flajole said.

The labs are busiest in the middle of the day, from 12-3 p.m., he said.

According to the Information Technology Web site, in 1996 Governor Gary Locke approved a bill that allowed technology fees to be charged to students at universities.

The fees could not be more than \$120 for full-time students. For part-time students, the fee will be prorated from the full-time students' fee.

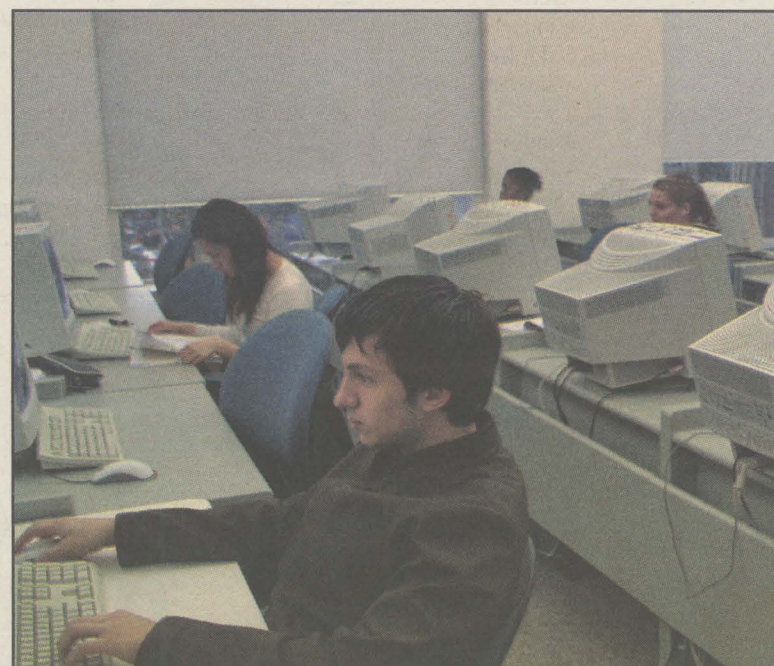
The fee here is \$25 for students who are taking ten or more credits. Otherwise it is \$2.50 a credit.

The money is used for technology for students, such as the laptops provided in the Student Union and Recreation Center.

The Associated Students of Central Washington University/Board of Directors nominates students to sit on a tech fee committee, which decides what the budget plan is for the income.

3.5 percent of the income is placed in the "institutional financial aid fund under RCW 28B.15.820."

According to the information technology Web site, "The technology fee is



Mary Ebnal/Observer

Andrew Bush, senior photography major, works as a student assistant in one of Central's computer labs. All computer labs have a weekly schedule.

charged to students to recover, in whole or in part, the costs of providing and maintaining services to students that include, but need not be limited to: access to the Internet and World Wide Web, e-mail, computer and multimedia work stations and laboratories, computer software, and dial-up telephone services."

The technology fee committee has not yet met this year. The six-member committee currently has three open spots.

Students can find the computer lab hours and schedule by going to the Student Intranet and clicking on Computer Labs.

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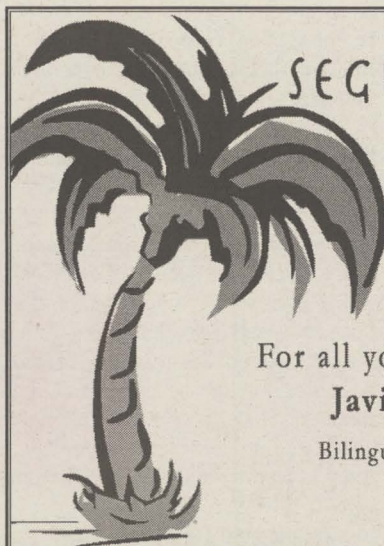
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BUGS: Bed bug life style and behavior remain a mystery and total extermination will be a long process

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The insecticide DDT was banned in the 1970s because it was thought to cause cancer.

DDT was believed to be the best pesticide for exterminating bed bugs. Banning it might have been good for human health, but not for exterminating bed bugs.

"You can now set a suitcase down [that contains bed bugs] in the middle of the floor and they'll be able to make it to the bed without coming into contact with any pesticide," Soeprono said.

Infestations can be found in the seams, tufts or folds and mattresses.

In severe cases, they can be found behind baseboards, window and door casings, in pictures and picture frames, in furniture and cracks in plaster, according to the Cornell University Insect Diagnostic Laboratory.

Entomologists know the physical aspects of bed bugs, but little is known about their actual life span and character, Soeprono said.

"Most tests are done on old colonies that haven't been out in the world," Soeprono said.

What Eden and other pest control companies have found is that pyrethroids, a type of man-made pesticide used most often, is having less and less of an effect on bed bugs.

Until prevention methods become more effective against bed bugs coming into the home, people must stay aware and take precautions against them.

Students have increasingly purchased items over the internet which sometimes come shipped in cardboard boxes and may contain bed bugs DeShields said.

"[The bed bug problem] will not go away anytime soon. We'll just get better at managing them," Soeprono said. "Schools will be very lucky if they haven't come across them already."



Observer file photo

Andrew Soeprono inspects a room for bed bugs in Beck Hall last year. This year, he hopes to inform students on how to prevent infestation.

Prevention methods:

- Bed bugs circulate by attaching themselves to clothing, birds, mammals and anything that may be close to a colony.
- When traveling, inspect rooms by looking at baseboards, headboards and small cracks for colonies.
- Make sure to wash clothing and dry on high heat especially after traveling abroad or to any major urban areas.
- Even if students have not traveled, keeping clothing clean eliminates any bug picked up simply by walking outdoors.
- Do not store cardboard in your room.
- Do not leave clothing or backpacks on the floor. This limits the transfer of all pests, including bed bugs, from the ground to beds and clothing.

Author to discuss depression, life, joy

by Beth McGuffin
Staff reporter

Terry Wise, author of "Waking Up," talks about her recovery from depression and gives a patients perspective from the patient's point of view.

Wise wants people to know that she has been at the lowest point possible, and her goal now is to give people hope and inspiration.

Wise will share her inspirational experiences and recovery from mental health complications tonight, at 6:30 p.m. on Central Washington University's campus in the Student Union and Recreation Center theater.

"This is not a depressing topic," Wise said. "It's about how to feel joy in life, and how to infuse hope."

Wise will discuss a variety of subjects including depression, loss, signs of depression and the best ways to help yourself and the people you love.

"Currently there is a stigma talking about depression and people need to understand talking about it is healthy," Wise said.

Her book is endorsed by a variety of professionals. Many universities and colleges use it for undergraduate and graduate studies in psychology.

"No book has as accurately captured the pace, focus, and words of actual therapeutic sessions, nor the immediacy and power of a therapeutic relationship... I have adopted 'Waking Up' for a graduate-level class I teach," said Barry Farber, director of clinical psychology at Columbia University.

Wise travels to more than 50 cities annually, sharing her battle.

Before her husband became ill with Lou Gehrig's disease, Wise was a trial attorney in Boston. Wise expands beyond her personal experience and relates issues to students.

"This is not a depressing topic. It's about how to feel joy in life, and how to infuse hope."

~Terry Wise
author, "Waking Up"

"There are a lot of unusual pressures on college students, more than just academically," Wise said.

Susan Lonborg, psychology professor at Central, said it's important for students to attend the event because depression and suicide are common problems that society encounters.

"A lecture by Wise may provide students with the opportunity to hear about suicidal ideation from the perspective of the patient," Lonborg said.

Students should be aware that the counseling center is an important resource for people considering suicide or having symptoms of depression, Lonborg said.

Kasey Loomis, computer science major, said students should attend events dealing with mental health.

"It's good that someone is getting out there and speaking about it, so people can be informed," Loomis said.

Wise hopes for a full audience, and everybody is encouraged to attend. Wise will reveal unique insight helpful to all people of all ages.

"We are all so different, but yet so much the same," Wise said.

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Regional RHA conference brings spirit to Central

by Chelsea Evans
Staff reporter

Twenty-one students and countless volunteers are heading up the first Pacific Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (PACURH) conference at Central Washington University.

It has been 1,825 days of time consuming work through paper-pushing, budget-building, and mistake-mending for organizers of Central's version of the PACURH.

All that stands between them and 357 students is a mere twenty-four hours and sleep, a luxury none have seen in quite awhile.

All the participants will arrive tomorrow from Canada, California, Oregon, Alaska and Washington.

Heather Whitty, conference co-chair, has been living in sweats the last several days, dedicating her time to the conference's final projects.

"We have put a lot of heart into this event before we got the award," Whitty, senior social services major, said. "We have been waiting for this bid for five years; we wanted to showcase all of our new facilities."

The motivation for PACURH began in 2001 when residence hall leaders suggested having the conference at Central.

The convention has previously been held in California in past years.

Jennifer Estroff, conference advisor,

said before now the timing had never been right for Central to host the conference.

"Every time you go to a conference like this there is tons of school spirit and when students come back they're like 'yes we should do this and this,' but we said no," Estroff said. "But now we are making this a reality."

Several Central students flew to San Jose University in California and competed against other schools for a bid to hold the conference.

Central was the number one choice, due to their Web site, theme and a well outlined budget proposal.

"There are schools now following our exact same budget because it was so well put together," Whitty said. "We had a good bid team of 15 people who put together [the] 30 page budget."

Workers had to calculate funds for transportation, hotel accommodations, and meals, stuff 357 binders and prepare for any last minute glitches.

"The way we see it is Central has attendance in this conference, we are not just putting it on," Whitty said. "They [students] can learn to be a leader and further themselves in that way."

The conference theme is "Destination Northwest: Explore, Enjoy, & Leave your Legacy." The Keynote speaker for PACURH, Jim Milina, will help to represent the theme of leaving a legacy behind.



Photo courtesy of Heather Whitty

The PACURH conference staff gathered in Seattle last month for a retreat. The group has been preparing for several years for the conference when over 350 participants from other colleges will meet at Central.

Milina is a quadriplegic who has climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Conference organizers also took advantage of Central's outdoor environment categorizing advisors as trail leaders, the students as hikers and the conference staff as outfitters.

A late night "shin-dig" will kick off the weekend's festivities with a mechanical bull, inflatable toys and the rock climbing wall in the Student Union Recreation Center on Friday.

Sponsors, or "prospectors," include D&M coffee, University Housing,

Wendy's, Baskin Robbins and Central Parking Services.

Richard DeShields, interim director of university housing and director of residence life and new student programs, has been assisting RHA for the past five years.

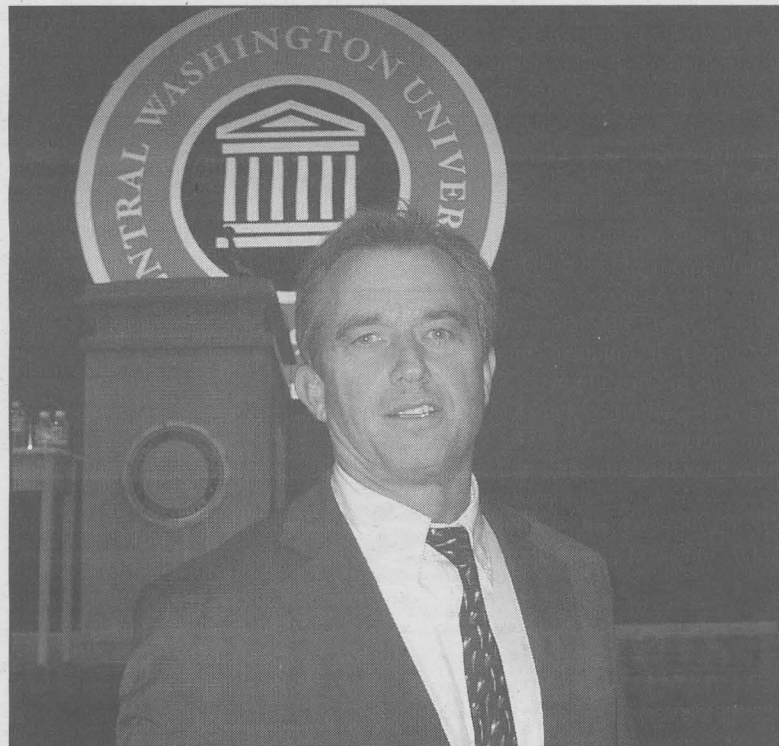
"In my mind, this conference proves that our students are engaged and that the university empowers students to create change on our campus and in our world," DeShields said. "In addition, the work spent on this conference shows that our students are proud to be

at Central and they want others to know more about what we do here in Ellensburg."

Any student interested can sign up to volunteer and participate. There is also the possibility to receive some community service hours.

"It's a learning experience, but it's exciting," Whitty said. "It's amazing how years worth of work can turn into something this big. This seems unreal because I used to be a student getting ready to go to the conference and now we are putting it on ourselves."

Kennedy Jr. tackles tough topics, politics



Mary Ebanol / Observer

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. spoke last Thursday for the Presidential Speaker Series. He addressed issues including the government and environment.

by J. Aaron Siebol
Staff reporter

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. stood at the podium in McConnell Auditorium on Nov. 2 to deliver a speech about our environment. Instead, he delivered a speech on how corporate power and government corruption are endangering the environment.

"What I want to talk about is the corrosive impact of corporate power on the environment," Kennedy said. "This is the worst administration we've had for the environment, bar none."

Many audience members clapped when Kennedy said environmental failures are caused by the current administration's corporate agenda.

"As a whole, we were enlightened with his views on politics and his character traits," said Marian Lien, event planner for the President's Office. "We were lucky to have him here for two hours instead of the 45 minutes we were expected to have."

He spoke on the role of the media and its responsibility to not only show both sides of a controversial topic, but

also to research and discover the truth so that people can become informed.

"The news' only obligation [today] is to its shareholders," Kennedy said.

"We need an independent and vigorous press."

~Robert F. Kennedy

He criticized the media for not approaching news like it had in the past when journalists like Edward R. Murrow sought for the truth.

"We need an independent and vigorous press," Kennedy said.

The war in Iraq was also a central issue in Kennedy's subject matter.

"Seventy-eight percent of American soldiers believe we are in Iraq to punish Saddam Hussein for bombing the World Trade Center," he said.

Kennedy did not set his sights solely on the current administration or corporate power, but also talked about nature and the importance it has to human beings and religion.

"When we destroy nature we diminish ourselves," Kennedy said. "I believe nature is how God talks to us."

The idea that land is shared by everyone was expressed by him as well. Kennedy told the audience that people have the right to protect the environment and that laws exist to do so; it is the enforcement of these laws that is the hard part.

The Hudson River, a river that runs through New York and New Jersey, was a prime example of how citizens can combat pollution.

"Shared resources of the land are the shared resources of the community, everybody can use them," Kennedy said.

Kennedy reflected on his childhood and what America was to him when he was growing up.

"When I was a little boy... I saw the hope of American leadership," he said. "America is a good nation."

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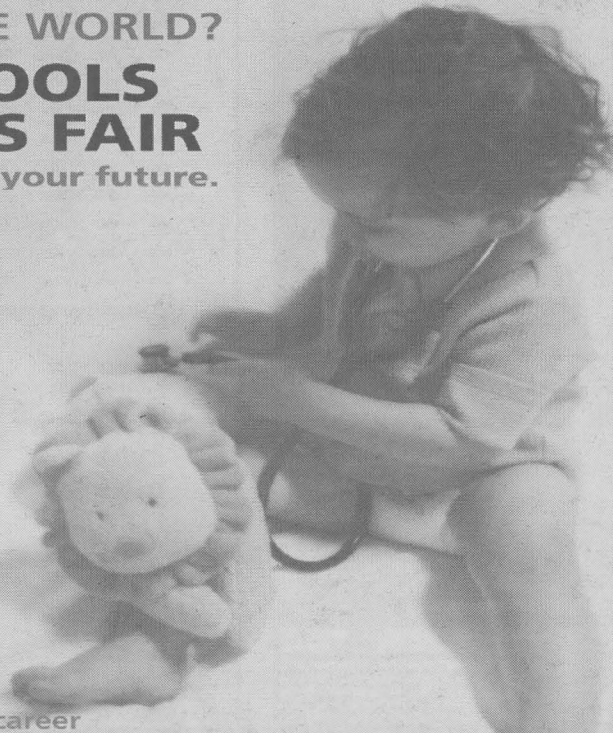
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Birds, mud and ecology highlight One Book seminar

by Donna Buse
Staff reporter

Geography instructor Robert Hickey, students, local Australian groups, volunteers and fellow scientists looked at the ecology of migratory birds, particularly inter-tidal mudflats.

They mapped and evaluated the habitat of migratory birds in Western Australia.

On Friday November 3 Hickey gave a PowerPoint presentation at Central Washington University "Benthos and Birds: 10 years of collaborative research at Roebuck Bay, Australia."

He connected the project to the book, "A Short History of Nearly Everything" by Bill Bryson, which is this year's selection for the 2nd annual One Book One Campus project.

"The project is interdisciplinary and collaborative like the book," Hickey said.

He took the project to develop a basic scientific understanding of the various components making up bird habitats.

"Birds are sexy. People like them," Hickey said. "They're into this stuff and they're everywhere."

Understanding is needed to under-

stand the areas in which birds live.

"These days science is often very large and complex," Hickey said. "It isn't that I sit in a lab anymore. It's a big thing."

"I'm basically the computer geek," Hickey said.

Hickey got involved because he attended a party with the geography

**"Birds are sexy.
People like
them."**

~Robert Hickey
Geography instructor

faculty at a university in Australia and got invited because of his computer mapping skills

Benthos are animals living in the mud that birds feed on.

They accessed the area studied by hovercraft or boat, and conducted bird surveys.

Various people gave talks in the

evenings.

"We always ended up in mud fights," Hickey said.

It was one of their ways of having fun.

Expedition leaders did the same grunt work as everybody else. Everyone in the field got their own map; in the lab everyone brought their own microscope, said Hickey.

Some of their accomplishments included discovering new species of mud dwellers. On top of that, the scientist findings were published in various journals.

In 2002 they collected over 1,004 samples. In 2006 they had 500 samples and processed over 12,000 critters.

"I wanted to listen to a natural science lecture. There aren't too many of them," Kristen Genzliner, biochemistry major said. "I thought it was good he did an excellent presentation."

The sciences host lectures at Central every other Friday.

"[It's] good to see how people approach different projects," Aja Woodrow, biology major said. "It showed what a group of hard working individuals can achieve."

Meet your Administrator:

Student Affairs focuses on student growth and satisfaction

by Britt Huston
Staff reporter

Charlotte Tullos, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management and Keith Champagne, associate vice president for student affairs (not pictured) play a part in every student's experience here at Central. Champagne also serves as the chief student conduct officer.

From our enrollment process, to disciplinary action, to Wellington's Wild Night, our Student Affairs directors are always watching and looking for ways to strengthen the relationship between student and school.

Q: How would you describe your job?

Tullos: "Everything we do is focused on student growth and satisfaction from enrollment through out of classroom experiences. I am absolutely emotionally invested in my job. If I wasn't, I wouldn't belong here. People pay a lot to come here, they deserve the best."

Q: What do you do directly for students?

Tullos: "I make sure that we have a quality service and welcoming environment for students to feel bonded to Central. I work with 22 directors and a couple hundred employees. I watch each department's plan very closely."

Q: What is your favorite aspect of your job?

Tullos: "I enjoy watching students 'become'.... their change academically, attitude-wise, direction, and becoming autonomous."



Charlotte Tullos

Champagne: "I enjoy spending time learning the jobs of students. I spent a whole day shadowing students at the SURC watching the role they play in campus life... Seeing how they develop outside of the classroom through the activities we offer."

Q: What sorts of things do you wish you had more time for?

Tullos: "I would like to be doing focus groups and asking students questions. That would be a good use of my time. I don't want to ever be in the ivory tower. I need to be out there on campus finding out the needs and satisfaction of students."

Q: What would you like students to know about you?

Tullos: "I wish people knew my door is always open. I'm available or I'll make myself available. Their well-being is my passion."

Q: What sorts of problems have you run into recently?

Tullos: "One of my big concerns for students is the use of Facebook

and MySpace. Employers are looking at those and they tell me that sometimes they don't even read the application after they see it (the websites.) Another one was when we lost the two high-rises. They held 480 beds. That worried me a lot because these are people's homes."

Champagne: "Mostly I see minor-in-possession issues off campus. Ninety-nine percent of the time I see problems, they are alcohol related. Not just with freshmen but all the way across the board to graduate students. We don't want to take away a student's dignity or self-respect just because it's been alleged that they violated the student conduct code. But if they do, we have a whole support system to identify the best way to help the student."

Q: What things really excite you about Central?

Tullos: "I've watched what's happened here over the last 5 or 6 years. We are still the fastest growing school. Central used to be a place people came because it's the only place they could get into. That's not the way it is anymore. I think that's attributed to all the programs we have. Mentoring, academic support, cultural diversity, wildcat connection and lots of advising. Central can really be selective now."

Champagne: "Students are really involved in Living Learning Laboratories. Like the radio station on campus and the Observer. Students are building career skills on top of classroom skills."

They (CWU students) are much more involved here than students at other institutions."

ROTC alum returns for Veterans salute

by J. Aaron Siebol
Staff reporter

Central Washington University alumni will be traveling home this weekend in order to honor past veterans and the future protectors of America.

For at least the last 18 years the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (AFROTC) has honored veterans by hosting a vigil on campus, said Kendra Sterkel, a department secretary for AFROTC.

As part of the vigil current seniors from AFROTC stand guard for a full 24 hours, honoring any past or present prisoners of war or soldiers missing in action.

"Every 15 minutes they rotate out and they do that for 24 hours," said Lt. Col John Bryant, the AFROTC detachment 895 commander. "It's a tough event on them physically."

Shawn Palmer, a Navy ensign intelligence officer and Central alumni, is coming to Ellensburg in order to honor veterans on Veteran's Day.

Palmer served two tours in Iraq where he was apart of operation Southern Watch, an operation designed to watch the no-fly zone surrounding Iraq.

Palmer's message to the AFROTC and Army ROTC (AROTC) is clear.

"You are tasked with the efficient responsiveness and unwavering leadership of an elite Armed Service and with upholding the core values of--and for the protection of--a nation," Palmer said.

Palmer was adamant about his message to the upcoming soldiers of America.

"Like those before you, do so with a steadfast resolve and patriotism," he said.

The Iraq war and the support of the American public have also made an impact on him.

"I have met many people who oppose the War in Iraq, yet still support our Armed Forces, and I sincerely appreciate their distinction between the two," Palmer said. "Unfortunately, there exists in this world individuals who respond only to violence that is stronger than that which they bring about themselves; and for as long as that threat exists, fielding the world's most capable and combat-ready Armed Service is absolutely essential."

Despite leaving his successful financial advising firm early for the weekend, Palmer looks forward to standing alongside the AFROTC during the vigil.

"I want to help do my part to raise a bit of awareness for what the Army and Air Force cadets do," Palmer said.

The AROTC and AFROTC will also be doing a joint march with the veterans of foreign wars (VFW) and American Legion as part of Ellensburg's Veteran's Day Parade.

The event will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday Nov. 11, where they start and finish at Pine Street (behind Albertson's).

The vigil will also be held on Nov. 11 and will begin on the front courtyard of Barge Hall at 2:00 p.m. where it will remain for 24 hours.

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News from around the Ellensburg community

Kittitas County citizens turn out to cast votes

Dana still sheriff, McClain is new commissioner

by Paul Balcerak
City editor

On a night when Democrats seized control of the U.S. House of Representatives and made a serious push toward claiming the Senate, the political landscape of Kittitas County remained relatively unchanged.

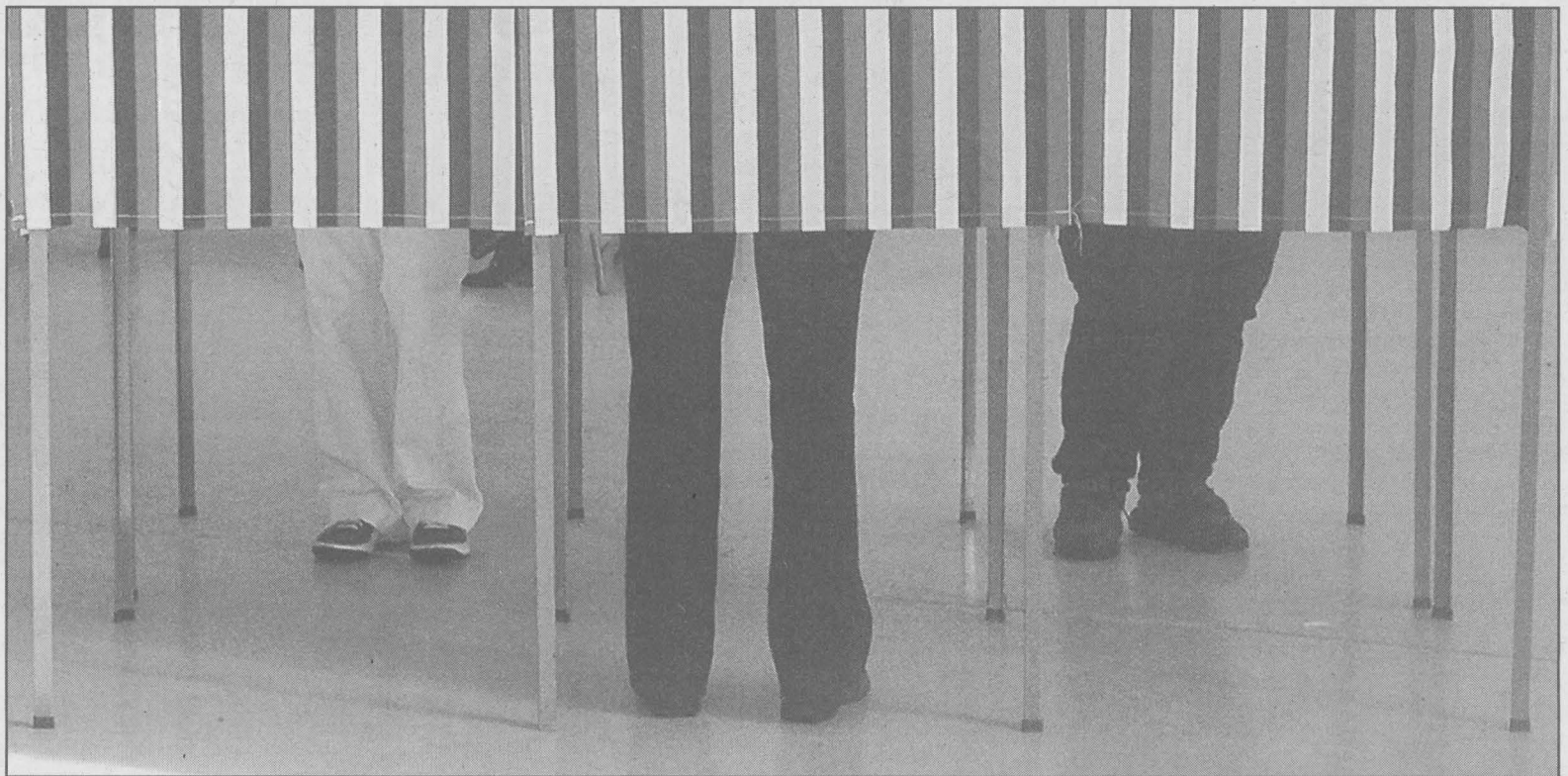
Republicans swept the election in all but one of the county's four contested bi-partisan races, but their defeats at the federal level made for a bittersweet night.

"The county Republican party is kind of conflicted right now," said Matthew Manweller, chair of the Kittitas County Republicans. "We got shelled nationally, but locally, we won virtually across the board."

About 1,200 ballots remain to be counted, but no major changes in win totals are expected.

Republicans maintained control of the District 3 county commissioners seat as Mark McClain picked up a win over Democratic challenger Dale Hubbard.

"It (the election) could have been better, but everybody ran good races and we'll just turn around and start building for the next one," Hubbard



Clare Jensen/Observer

Kittitas County voters bucked national trends Tuesday night, giving wins to Republican candidates in all but one of the county's four bi-partisan races.

said.

County Democrats picked up only one contested win, with Gene Dana defeating Republican Sean Hillemann for the position of county sheriff.

The number of county polling sites was trimmed significantly for Tuesday's general election. Only three sites were

available for voters — two in Ellensburg and one in Cle Elum — as opposed to the eight in previous elections.

County Auditor Jerry Pettit said the move to consolidate was made to accommodate new electronic voting systems, set up mainly to assist handicapped voters.

"We had to have the ability to have the equipment for people with disabilities to be able to vote at every poll site in the county," Pettit said. "So instead of having equipment for eight poll sites, we purchased equipment for two."

Pettit said his office passed on purchasing additional equipment due to

costs. The new voting machines were purchased by the auditor's office with money from the federal Help America Vote Act and Pettit said he preferred not to spend the extra cash.

Full results of Tuesday night's local elections are available online at www.co.kit

Firefighters to light barbeques for vets

by Katie Murdoch
Staff reporter

Acknowledging heroes for their courageous acts is the first step on Veterans Day. To actually show one's gratitude is the next.

The Ellensburg Fire Department will take that step and show appreciation on Veterans Day by hosting a barbeque for military veterans.

"If they wouldn't have enlisted or volunteered their time, we'd be speaking German or Japanese right now," firefighter and union secretary Rich

Smith said.

Smith began the tradition of hosting a barbeque to honor veterans seven years ago while working for the Wenatchee fire department. After transferring to Ellensburg, Smith continued the tradition. This is the Ellensburg fire department's third year sponsoring the event.

"It's a small token of our appreciation," Smith said. "We wouldn't have what we have today without them."

The barbeque is reserved for war veterans and their families because the families went through hard times with

military overseas, Smith said.

Last year approximately 300 guests attended. This year the fire department is inviting soldiers from Yakima Firing Center, a neighboring military training center and Central Washington University's chapter of Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) to the barbeque.

"It's a good time," Smith said. "The best part of it is seeing the older vets."

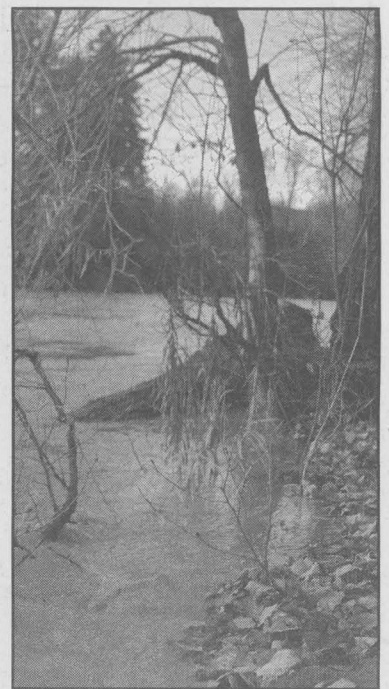
Traditionally, a lot of veterans work with fire departments.

For example, the Navy puts their recruits through basic firefighting

training and many sailors focus their training towards a future career in fighting fires.

Smith said Central's ROTC honor guard will present the colors at the barbeque. However, Major Tyler Oxley, assistant professor of military science, couldn't confirm that. Major Oxley said Central's ROTC color guard comprised of Army and Air Force cadets will march in the parade along with half of the ROTC cadet battalion.

The barbeque will take place immediately following the downtown Veterans Day parade.



Maggie Schmidt/Observer

Rain on Tuesday flooded large rivers and small inlets alike.

Students split over how to honor vets

by Marqise Allen
Staff reporter

As Veteran's Day approaches, many students seem split on how to observe the holiday, or to observe it at all.

"Every once in a while, we'll go to one of the graveyards that have relatives that have passed in a war or two," said Sean Tift, freshman undeclared. "Sometimes we don't do anything, which I think a lot of people do."

Students who said they do celebrate Veterans Day had differing responses when asked how they celebrate. Most said they tend to take a look at their own past, and talk with or think about a relative who is veteran.

"I usually just talk to my dad and listen to him," Tyler Thompson, fresh-

man business administration major, said. "He likes to talk a lot around Veterans Day, and I just listen to him."

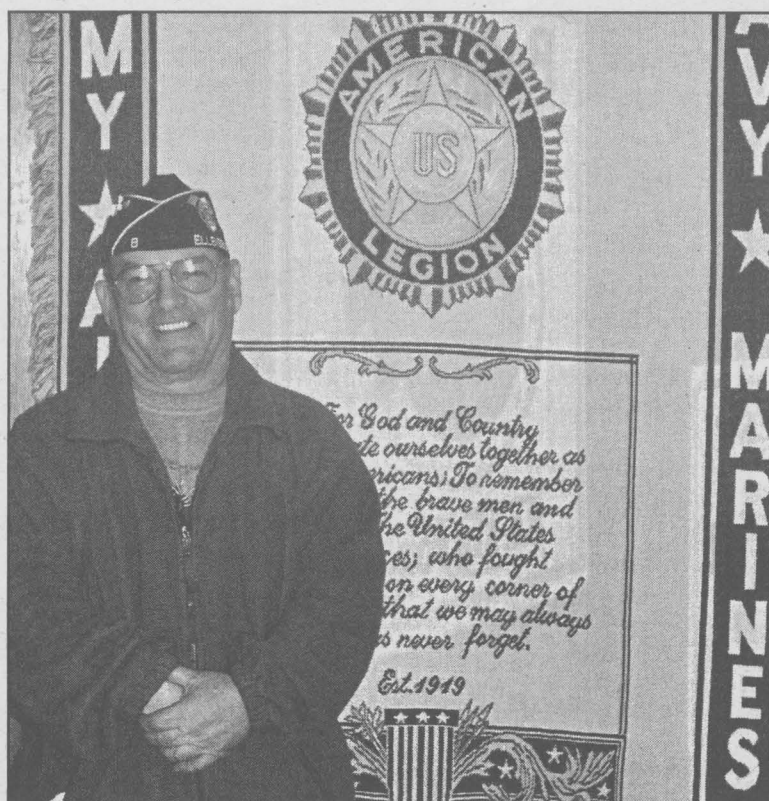
Some students still just view Veterans Day as another three-day vacation.

"I don't really do anything; just have fun on an extra day off," Kyle Gordon, junior nutrition major, said.

Involvement in Veterans Day is relatively easy, and many local veterans would be satisfied with any support or involvement.

"We most definitely and most assuredly want young people to get involved," said Charlie Barker, member of the American Legion and veteran of the Korean War.

There will be a Veterans Day parade at 11 a.m. on Saturday on Pine Street. There will also be a spaghetti feed at Ellensburg's American Legion post.



Tiffany Stark/Observer

Jeff Whitman, commander of the Ellensburg chapter of the American Legion, stands in front of the the American Legion banner.

Soggy weather brings flooding to Kittitas Valley

Flooding in Kittitas County became severe as the County Board of Commissioners declared a state of emergency on Tuesday night.

Kittitas County Board of Commissioners chairman David Bowen said the board declared a state of emergency due to the Salmon La Sac Road being washed out, where people lived beyond the wash out.

The National Weather Service reported that the Yakima River had crested at 53.3 feet early Tuesday morning, which is 2.5 feet above the unofficial flood stage.

On Tuesday night, two families were evacuated and the Red Cross set up a shelter in Cle Elum.

OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Kathryn Lake
Editor-in-Chief

Nationwide, there were 205 measures on the ballots and history was made as the polls closed Tuesday night and votes were tallied.

In South Dakota, a law that would have been the country's toughest abortion law, allowing abortions only to save the mother's life, was voted down. A woman's right to choose was upheld, thank goodness.

Eight states voted to ban same-sex marriages, but citizens of Arizona voted down an amendment to the state constitution that would define marriage as a union between one man and one woman. The law would have also prohibited domestic partnerships and civil unions. Colorado, Idaho, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin successfully passed similar legislation banning same sex marriages, just like 20 states before them. Arizona broke this trend; hopefully they will become the next Massachusetts.

Arizona voters also had measures on their ballots dealing with the inflow of illegal immigrants. Voters approved a measure that makes English the state's official language and another which expands the list of government benefits denied to illegal immigrants.

Ohio and Arizona are to be smoke-free, much like Washington. Both states passed smoking bans in public places

and rejected the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco-backed measures that would have exempted bars.

He said he'd be back and Arnold Schwarzenegger will be back for a second term as governor of California. I

OBSERVANCE

*The votes are in...
now what?*

don't think he has done anything really wrong in his first term, but I am curious how many people vote for him because he is an ex-bodybuilder-turned-action-star.

Women are in the House and the Senate. It looks like Nancy Pelosi will become the first female Speaker of the House in the history of the United States. There will also be a record number of women in the Senate; what a day for women. I'm looking forward to the

first female presidential candidate soon.

Okay, the more I read about all the measures, amendments and laws passed last night, I keep seeing Arizona pop up. Citizens of Arizona had 19 measures to vote on. Maybe I am being presumptive, but I'm have a feeling that many, if not most, voters are not really informed about what or whom they are voting for.

In the coming weeks we will be bombarded with Republicans and Democrats arguing about who won which race. We will watch drastic political changes as the weeks go by; not even 24 hours after the votes came in, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld resigned his position.

We will listen to all the problems people had with voting, yet again this year. I am hoping that at some point in my life we will have a system in which the citizens of the United States can actually vote without any problems. Better yet, we will have informed voters who can vote without any problems.

Lets talk about crosswalk etiquette



Lacey Stanton
Scene editor

I am a pedestrian. Every day I walk the four blocks from my studio apartment to campus and every day I am faced with drivers completely ignorant of the rules and regulations related to me.

Some of the drivers are simply, without argument, jerks.

Others believe themselves to be kind and courteous to me and all other pedestrians gracing the sidewalk on that particular day. In reality, they are just as annoying as the jerks.

There are rules. They are not difficult. We all learned them in our driving

101 course when we were 15. Why are they so hard to follow?

According to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) the rules are as follows:

Vehicles shall stop at intersections to allow pedestrians and bicycles to cross the road within a marked or unmarked crosswalk (RCW 46.61.235).

This is a perfectly logical rule and as a pedestrian I fully support it. However, sometimes people take the rule to the extreme.

For example, I frequent the intersection of University Way and Chestnut. I cross it at least twice a day. During those two crossings people tend to do one of the following:

1) Stop as soon as my foot hits the pavement, regardless of if they are on the opposite side of the intersection. In the time it takes me to reach their half of the road (the required distance a pedestrian is allotted according to the RCW) four cars could have turned the corner. Way to make me feel bad!

I don't want to be rushed. I have an entire green light. However, I don't want to feel like I am holding up the entire town of Ellensburg either. So move your car while you have the

chance.

2) Drivers will wait for me to get half a lane from the sidewalk and then decide to tear around the corner, nearly taking one of my legs clean off.

If you are going to be courteous and stop as soon as my foot hits the sidewalk I would appreciate it if you left my foot connected to my ankle when you finally decide you have waited long enough and make the move around the corner.

I have decided we need to have a refresher course in regard to vehicle and pedestrian crosswalk etiquette. So take out those pens. I will be giving a quiz.

A: Drivers must stop if a pedestrian is in their half of the roadway. Note: half. That doesn't mean you need to wait for me to cross the entire four lanes of traffic. Don't think I am going to get angry if you drive around a corner the second I step into the street. I will understand.

B: Drivers must stop if a pedestrian is within one lane of the drivers half of the roadway. So drivers, you have a good five seconds to go around that corner before you must stop for me.

C: Once the pedestrian is beyond one lane of their half of the roadway,

vehicles may go. Please remember, however, that just because my back is to you doesn't mean I don't feel the rush of air from your vehicle as it pass within inches of me. I am not stupid.

I have noticed that the rules are most often neglected when I am walking toward the vehicles that want to turn. Are you afraid of the evil eye? I can't hurt you, you're in the car...remember?

As a pedestrian and a driver I understand the concerns and irritations related to pedestrians. You have to be courteous but you have places to go and people to see. So here are some helpful hints:

Be logical. Understand that the person who is walking is much slower than the vehicle you're driving. We won't get mad if you go around a corner while we are in the crosswalk as long as you don't maim us in the process.

Be respectful. If you are courteous to me when you are driving I promise not to run you over when I'm driving.

Finally, be patient. If you're running late don't take it out on me. I didn't force you to hit the sleep button three extra times. Zipping around the corner and taking my leg off is only going to make you later.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

I hated Robert Kennedy's speech. It had nothing to do with what he said or how he said it. Actually, he struck me as a pretty decent guy. I even found some things he had to say interesting. All the same, I spent the majority of his speech fuming in my seat.

Rewind.

I am a reporter. Specifically, I am a "Broadcast Journalist." I came to the speech that night with my camera, my curiosity and a desire to hear what Mr. Kennedy had to say. I set up my camera, got a few opening shots and waited for our guest to arrive.

Fast Forward.

I'm all about the viewfinder. My mind is focused, my muscles are tensed and I'm closer to the podium than anyone else in the room. A tap on my shoulder takes me away from it all.

"Come with me."

In the hallway, I met Marian Lien for the first time. She wanted to know what I was doing. I told her I was a reporter for Newswatch and I was recording a story for our newscast.

"You realize, you can't use that footage," she told me. When I asked why, she told me Kennedy wouldn't allow it.

Slow-mo.

Lien demanded my tape. As it would turn out, Mr. Kennedy had an agreement with the college that they would not rebroadcast his speech. To my everlasting shame, I gave it to her.

Roll credits.

In the end, we had to ask Mr. Kennedy if it would be okay for us to use the footage. Even so, it took us nearly a week to get the tape back.

It's ultimately a case of an overzealous employee trying to enforce a University contract. However, President McIntyre must make it explicit to all speakers and subordinates that the student media has an absolute right to cover the speeches our tuition dollars pay for. Otherwise, she is risking the legitimacy of the speaker series that her office sponsors.

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SCENE



TOP: Emma, played by Heather King, consoles Sissy, played by Crystal Love, as she is trying to decide about whether to study away from her father. Sleary, played by Thomas Ohrstrom, works to convince Sissy to leave what she knows to the education she desires.

BELOW: Louisa is on stage by herself, narrating the action. Most of the characters also play the part of the narrator, bringing the audience up to speed on events with both that character and other characters involved in the plays.



Photos by Patrick Lewis/Observer

Bunderby, played by John Patrick Meyer, and **Ms. Sparset**, played by Alicia James, argue with another character on the merits of marriage.

Theatre students prepare for "Hard Times"

Cast members take on two roles to bring Dickens' play to life

by Robbie Miller
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University theatre arts department has been working all quarter to assure that none of the grandeur and realism of Charles Dickens' is lost in its stage adaptation of Dickens' "Hard Times."

"It's a play on a very large scale," director Brenda Hubbard said. "I don't think people in Ellensburg get to see

this kind of theatre very often."

Forty-five students—one-third of the theatre department—are working on the play. Twelve students comprise the cast, and the rest are behind the scenes creating costumes, perfecting the sound and adjusting the mechanics of the moveable stage.

"Students are working on every facet of the production," Hubbard said. "It's a huge undertaking; they probably put in somewhere between 120 and 160 hours a quarter in a production like this."

"Hard Times" is an intricate story that follows Louisa Gradgrind through the trials and changes of the industrial revolution. Louisa is brought up to ignore imagination, but she struggles with her emotions as she learns to value the heart and mind. The story is a tragic comedy, Hubbard said.

"There's a lot of humor in it but there's some sentimental things too," she said.

Christina Welsch, who plays Louisa, said she hated reading Dickens in high school but the play has given her a new perspective.

"One sentence, [in Dickens' writing], can end up being a paragraph long, which is terrible to read but it actually lends itself to the stage because the imagery is just so rich when it's brought to the stage," said Welsch, a senior theatre performance major.

The play is written in antiquated British dialect, which is about as difficult to perform as Shakespeare, Hubbard said. As if the language weren't enough of a challenge, much of the cast had to master two different accents.

Everyone in the cast plays at least two characters, and some characters

speak standard British while others speak with a cockney accent similar to Eliza in "My Fair Lady."

"It's definitely a little harder to maintain in a scene with someone who's not speaking the same dialect," Welsch said. "It's really hard to not start talking like the other person."

Junior theatre performance major Thomas Ohrstrom speaks English as a third language to Dutch and Danish. He has two characters with very different dialects. He plays Mr. Sleary, who speaks Cockney with a lisp, and James Harthouse, who speaks standard British. Ohrstrom said that although it's a challenge, it is all part of the fun.

"Normally, what makes memorizing easy is that it's how you speak," Ohrstrom said. "But with this, it's nowhere close to how you speak in any

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Talent show crowns Mr. & Ms. Central



Photos by Laurel Ebenal/Observer

Students from the residence halls came out in support of their fellow students at the annual Mr. and Ms. Central talent competition last Thursday. The event was one of the many put on during Central's Homecoming week. The participants were winners of talent competitions within each residence hall the week before.

by Rhea Quintanilla
Staff reporter

The dark room was filled with luminous lighting and energetic bodies. Students held up handmade signs to support a spirited event that filled the Central Washington University Student Union and Recreation Center ballroom. On Nov. 2 the Mr. and Ms. Central talent event was held for Central's homecoming weekend.

MCs Nathan and Maria introduced all of the contestants who competed for the Mr. or Ms. Central title. Each contestant performed a unique talent and competed against acts selected by the residence halls. Alfred Montgomery, Barto, Beck, Carmody Munro, Davies, Green, Hitchcock, Kamola, Kennedy, Meisner, Moore, Munson, Sparks and Wilson Hall were all represented at the competition.

Shingo Ohtsuka, named Mr. Central, is from Beck Hall. He performed "I Want it That Way," by the Backstreet Boys.

The winner for the Ms. Central title was Sydnee Matthews from Kennedy Hall who had a soulful solo performance.

From hip hop/expressive dance and singing solos to a glow stick light show performed by Elizabeth, Miss Green, the entertainment kept the crowd entertained until 10 p.m.

Each student chose a music genre to perform. There were acoustic solos from students such as Caleb, Mr. Carmody Munro, who sang a popular R&B song while integrating beat boxing in the performance.

"There were more people singing in this one," Hillary Stock, senior biology major, said.

Piano and guitar acts were the main instrumental performances. Mr. North, named Skii, performed a robotic and expressive dance to the song, "Scatman," by Scatman John. The students enjoyed Skii's show and gave him a standing ovation.

"It's pretty cool, it's candid, not just

all put together," Rosa Rabinovitz, freshman chemistry major, said.

Central's schedule of events has kept students occupied for the week.

"It's a fun thing to do on a Thursday night," Stock said.

This event encouraged freshmen to get involved with Central's Homecoming events by uniting them to support each other. Each residence hall had students in the crowd to support their candidate.

The runners up for Mr. Central, were Ed from Kamola in third place who performed karate and Caleb from Carmody Munro in second place who sang an R&B solo and beat boxed.

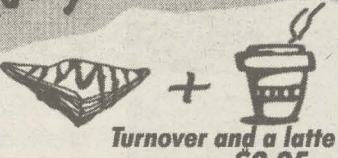
Ms. Central's runners up were Alli from Kamola in third place with a poetic guitar performance, and Elizabeth who performed a light show, from Green Hall, in second place.

Each winner received two tickets to the homecoming dance on Nov. 4.

"There were more people singing in this one."

~Hillary Stock
senior biology major

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Theatre: Forty-five students ready production for opening weekend

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country, anywhere."

"Hard Times" is a period piece set in 1840s England, which makes the jobs of the costume and set designers interesting. It also gives the actors a unique experience.

"It's a lot of fun to kind of play dress up," Welsch said. "To put yourself into the shoes of someone centuries before you is really enlightening."

The set designers' challenges have included building a spiral staircase and figuring out how to move the slip stage back and forth between scenes.

"We wanted to make sure that we didn't have awkward pauses in the play that we were using to change scenery," set designer Jerry Dougherty said.

A series of weights and pulleys was set up to move the slip stage behind the curtain when not in use. Action can continue in front of the curtain while the stage is arranged for the next scene.

Junior theatre arts major Nathan Benfield was originally assigned the task of setting the 250 pounds of weight

in motion to get the stage moving. After some trial and error, Benfield was replaced by a cable motor, which is usually used to lift things in a car body shop.

"We've never automated a piece of scenery like this before," Dougherty

said. "If we went down to the hardware store and told them that's what we're using the motor for they'd probably tell us we were crazy."

After months of hard work, the cast and crew are ready to perform tonight, Hubbard said.

"The audience is the final component for everything we do," Hubbard said. "It [the audience] really lifts the actors and gives them more excitement."

ment."

"Hard Times" plays at 7 p.m. on Nov. 9-11 and Nov. 16-18 and at 2 p.m. Nov. 19 at McConnell Auditorium. Tickets are \$12 general admission and \$7 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the theatre box office an hour prior to show time or online at www.cwu.edu/~theatre/tix.

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*~Jerry Dougherty
set designer*



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Bounderby, played by John Patrick Meyer, celebrates his marriage to Louisa Gradgrind toward the middle of "Hard Times." The junior theatre performance major also plays the role of Slackridge for his second character.

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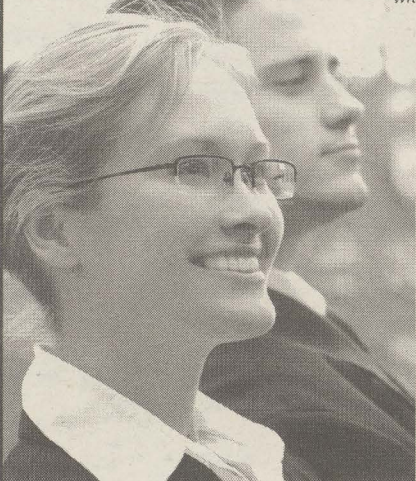
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5 minutes with...Joe Wilber



Lacey Stanton
Scene editor

As the sound designer for all three Central Washington University main stage plays this year, Joe Wilber, senior theatre art major, has his work cut out for him. He is currently polishing off the sound for "Hard Times," starting Thursday. He will then start his work on "Blankity-Blank," Central's winter production and end the year with "The Importance of Being Earnest" in the spring.

Q: What does a sound designer do?

A: I am in charge of all the music and sound effects involved in a play. I find the pre-show music and the door knock sound for plays. [Sound and music] needs to reinforce the emotional undertone of a play.

Q: How did you become involved in sound?

A: I have been doing sound since I was 11. I have been involved in theatre for about eight years. I started as a sound technician.

Q: What was the first play or production you created sound for?

A: A musical production of "Annie" in Wenatchee. I was 15 or 16 at the time.

Q: Have you ever thought about acting?

A: I have. I have been an actor before. I was in Central's production of "Frankenstein" two years ago.

Q: Where will you go after Central?

A: I will go to graduate school.

Q: What's the most satisfying part of your job?

A: Getting to sit in the audience opening night. You hear the first sound and get to watch the audience become absorbed in something you helped to create.

Q: What has been your favorite play to create sound for?

A: Wow. That's a toughie. I really enjoyed "Working." It was a really big show.

Q: Is there anything else people should know about what you do?

A: There is a lot more to sound design than just the music for the pre-show. A lot of thought goes into it.

Q: Have you ever had any major disasters while doing the sound?

A: Yes. When we did "Working" we ran all the sound effects through a computer program and the computer crashed at the start of the show. We had to do the first minute to minute and-a-half without sound. We had to just sit through this horrifyingly bad silence.

Try something new. Attend "Hard Times."

Jazz band swings to success

by Heather Elliott
Staff reporter

The sounds of clapping and cheering echoed outside of the Student Union Recreation Center Ballroom Saturday evening when Central Washington University's own jazz artist Jake Bergevin sang "Let the Good Times Roll" along with many more fine tunes. Bergevin was accompanied by tuxedo-dressed members of his band playing the trombone, drums, guitar, trumpet, and base. His brother John was on the keyboard.

Throughout the entire night the dance floor was packed, as students, staff and alumni enjoyed swing dancing. Those open to the idea learned some new dance moves.

"I don't know how to swing dance, but by golly, I'm gonna learn," Bobby Hood, junior business administration major said.

The ballroom was decorated with greenery that had white twinkling lights wrapped around it. Round tables were adorned with black table cloths that were scattered throughout the room. The orange & blue lights were dimmed, adding to the ambiance. Two screens near the front of the dance floor showed Bergevin and his band playing on stage.

This event took a lot of planning from many different departments. Josh Baulch, Event Support Supervi-

sor, spent all day Saturday setting up for Bergevin's orchestra.

"Jake Bergevin and his band are a phenomenal group to work for," Baulch said.

Baulch said Central has hosted this band in the past. Bergevin, a resident of Kirkland, is well-known for playing jazz music in the Seattle area. His love for jazz music started as a child when he participated in mandatory presentations at Christmas time for family and friends. He decided the trumpet should be easy, since it only had three valves.

There were about 200 people in the ballroom. The upbeat music provided by Bergevin entertained students and staff of all ages. Some students went back and forth from listening to Bergevin to attending the dance downstairs, sponsored by the Residence Hall Association.

The students who attended Bergevin's performance seemed enthusiastic and enjoyed the music.

"This event is quite grand," Jacob Barr, international studies major, said.

Central's President McIntyre and her husband David Smith also attended the event.

"We had a great time. This event is a wonderful way to officially open the SURC," President McIntyre said.

Bergevin said that this is the second time he has performed during homecoming at Central. Jennifer Fountain, director Center for Excellence in

"I don't know how to swing dance, but by golly, I'm gonna learn."

~Bobby Hood
junior business administration

Leadership, has been to other homecomings. She said that this one was different because it mirrored the grand opening of the SURC. Her fiancé, Tom Sadberry, a retired ROTC instructor, also agreed that the event succeeded with the SURC opening.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to recognize all the people who have made this new student union building what it is," Sadberry said.

Josh Knight, a server for the event, helped in making this event delightful for dining, and he, too, was also able to enjoy the ambiance and upbeat music that Bergevin and his band provided while he worked.

"With all the festivities this week, this event culminated in a great turnout for dinner, along with a great atmosphere with the band," Knight, senior broadcast journalism major, said.

Classic Film: "Paradise Now"

by Amanda Balo
Staff reporter

The Classic Film Series is showing "Paradise Now" for Central Washington University's International Education Week: The Many Meanings of Movement.

The film is about two Palestinian childhood friends, Said and Khaled, who live in Nablus, Israel. The two have been recruited for suicide attacks in Israel, and the film focuses on their last few days together.

"Paradise Now" is directed by Hany Abu-Assad and stars Kais Nashif, Ali Suliman, Lubna Azabal, and Hiam Abbass. The film is written by Hany Abu-Assad, Bero Beyer, and Pierre Hodgson.

The film has won awards around the world, including a Golden Globe Award for best foreign language film. "Paradise Now" was nominated for an

Academy Award in the same category. This is the first time a Palestinian film has been nominated for such an award.

The location manager for "Paradise Now" was kidnapped by a Palestinian faction during the filming, and was not released until Palestinian President Yasser Arafat's office intervened according to the Warner Brothers Web site.

Director Hany Abu-Assad and co-writer Bero Beyer started working on the script in 1999, but it was five years before filming began.

"Paradise Now" is showing at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14, in the Student Union and Recreation Center Theater.

Running time: 90 minutes. Language: Arabic, English subtitles.

Tickets are \$3 per person available at the Student Union Theatre ticket booth. The ticket booth and theatre doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the film begin at 7 p.m.

Come experience Parade of Nations

by Lacey Stanton
Scene editor

Come enjoy fashion and food and learn something new about a different culture.

The Parade of Nations fashion show is sponsored by nine different groups:

Filipino American Student Association, Black Student Union, Jewish Student Organization, International Student Association, Student For Services, College Assistance Migrant Program, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA), Ka Aloha and the Fashion Merchandising club.

Models for the show will be students, staff and faculty members from

each organization, region or religion sponsoring the show.

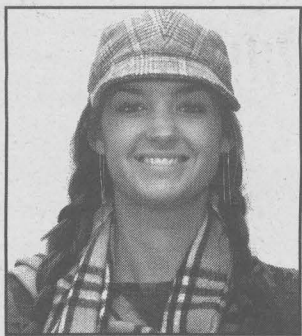
The show will start with the cultural dress for each group, such as kimonos worn by the members of the International Student Association. The models will then wear the more contemporary clothes seen today in the selected region.

The fashion show will also have booths located throughout the ballroom with traditional food samples from each location or culture.

The show is 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14 in the Student Union Ballroom.

For more information on the fashion show please contact Keith James at jameske@cwu.edu.

Cell phones hit a nerve



Lacey Stanton
Scene editor

It can be heard everywhere. It is in the elevator on the way to the 46th floor, it comes from the stall next to you in the ladies restroom. It can sound like The Pussycat Dolls or the Super Mario Brother's video game.

It is the ring of a cell phone.

In the past ten years the number of cell phones in use has exploded. One statistic states that cell phone users in the United States have increased from 34 million ten years ago to 203 million currently, according to an article by Peter Leo of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. That's a large increase.

Apparently, there are approximately two billion cell phones world-wide. That means there are still four and a half billion people who walk around without them.

With all those cell phones come some ridiculous habits. So for your reading enjoyment I have created the following list:

Editors Choice: Top ten most obnoxious cell phone pet peeves:

1. When you're taking the biggest test of your life and the person's cell phone next to you starts to ring...and the ring tone is Jessica Simpson's "These Boots are made for Walking."

2. When you are in class and people are nice enough to put their cell on

vibrate...and then set it on their desk.

3. When people sit in class and text under the desk...like no one will ever notice.

4. When people cover their cell phone in jewels...and claim they hate Paris Hilton.

5. When people use the cell phone belt carriers...hello! It's called a pocket.

6. When people talk on their cell while driving...and forget there are speed limits.

7. When a person owns a cell phone...but doesn't know how to pick it up or call you back. (I'm guilty)

8. When you receive a text message that includes the words "forward this to nine other people."

9. When you stand in a check out line and the person in front of you never gets off the phone...can we say rude!

10. When riding in a car with a friend while they talk on their cell for 10 minutes...that always makes a person feel included.

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 ★ Health Careers & Graduate School Fair, 2 p.m., SURC Rm. 137 & hallway
 ★ Veteran's Day observed, no class!

11 ★ Veteran's Day!
 ★ Campus Activity Movie: "Saving Private Ryan," 6 p.m., SURC Theater

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12 ★ Faculty Concert: Second Sunday series, 4 p.m., Music Building Concert Hall

13 ★ Native American Hoop Dance: Kevin Locke, 5:30 p.m., SURC Ballroom
 ★ Middle East Forum, 6 p.m., SURC Theater

14 ★ Classic Film Series: "Paradise Now," 7 p.m., SURC Theatre
 ★ Guest Recital: International Association of Jazz Educators artists, 7 p.m., Music Building Recital Hall

15 ★ Independent Snowboard Films, 7 p.m., SURC Theater
 ★ Music Concert: Percussion Ensemble, 7 p.m., Music Building Concert Hall
 ★ Poetry Reading: Mark Halperin, 7:30 p.m., Grupe Center
 ★ Wildcat Baseball Day @ Wing Central. All day fund raiser for Central baseball and a chance to meet the 2007 players.

Uncensored and outright blunt: fans gather to experience Griffin

by Katie Baker
 Staff reporter

Emmy nominated comedian Kathy Griffin performed to a packed audience as the Central Washington University Homecoming headliner.

Scott Drummond, director of Campus Activities; introduced Griffin to the eager crowd.

"This is a wonderful place to perform, not like the gyms I have played before," Griffin said. "Scott and his team have done a wonderful job."

Griffin also wished Central a happy homecoming.

The crowd was a mixture of the Ellensburg community, college students and Kathy Griffin fans from all over the state.

"I heard about Kathy coming from a friend," said Mark Schmitz, a visitor from Spokane. "I knew that I had to get tickets to see her as soon as they became available. The drive from Spokane was so worth it. I have never laughed so hard in my life."

In typical Kathy Griffin style she gave her most recent celebrity gossip about celebrities such as Clay Aiken, Lindsey Lohan, Sharon Stone and many others, including gossip about her assistant Jessica.

Griffin does not censor her material; she speaks her mind which raised a lot of questions for people not used to her colorful vocabulary.

Her past endeavors include co-hosting The Billboard Music Awards for the last three years, and she has been in numerous TV real-

ity shows such as "Celebrity Mole." Her hit Emmy nominated show "Kathy Griffin: My life on the D-List" which is currently in syndication on the Bravo channel.

"You know me, I'll take any job I can get, when you are on the D-List," Griffin said.

She definitely had her dedicated fans in the audience. Three women made shirts that said "WE LOVE KATHY" including pictures of Griffin and a heart that said Chance and Pom Pom, her dogs.

"She came out and recognized us and said 'Hi girls' and even noticed our T-shirts!" Lexi Jones, sophomore undecided major, said. "She kept looking at us from time to time."

The Griffinets, as they like to be called, gave Drummond a gift to give

"Griffin was amazing, way better than I expected her to be."

~Dustin Jarred
 senior vocal performance

Griffin.

"We got her a bunch of chocolate, flowers and toys for her dogs," Anna Boyer, senior psychology major, said. "She kept recognizing us because of our

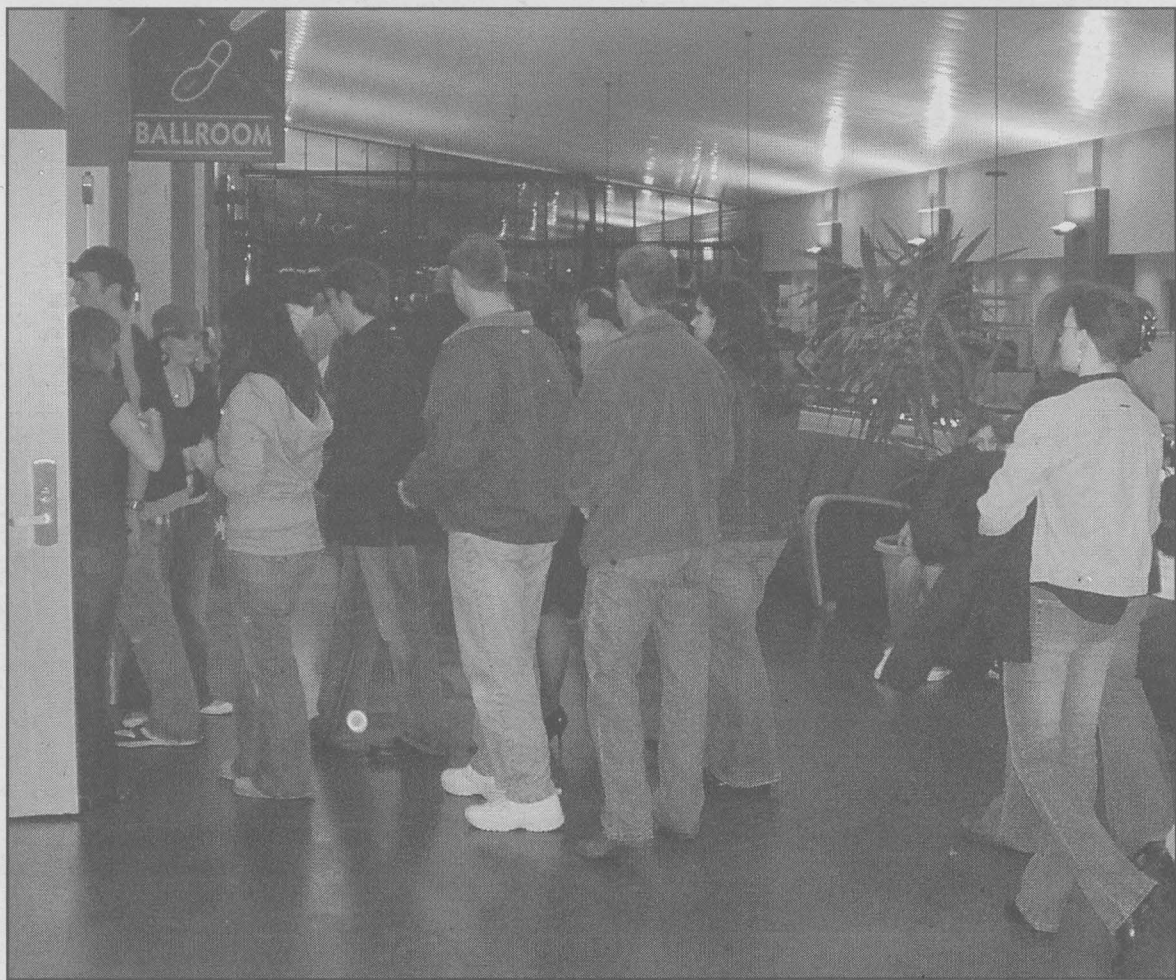
shirts; I hope she enjoyed them and the gifts."

The performance lasted for almost two hours. Drummond thanked everyone for coming and thanked Griffin for performing. No announcement has been made yet for next year's headliner.

"Griffin was amazing, way better than I expected her to be," said Dustin Jarred, senior vocal performance major. "She rocked the house."

Students, faculty and community members are awaiting information regarding next year's performance.

For more information about next year's homecoming, please visit http://www.cwu.edu/~camplife/campus_activities.html.



Photos by Tiffany Stark/Observer

While not the only Central Homecoming act, Kathy Griffin was probably the biggest. With a full house she spent nearly two hours making the audience laugh.

Banned books to be read aloud

by Taishi Kanamaru
 Staff reporter

Not only are adults involved in the First Amendment controversy in the United States, but children's literature is also a target.

According to the Fact Monster, more than 405 attempts to ban books were made in 2005. The books included the famous Harry Potter series, singled out for their promotion of "unChristian agic."

Aside from Potter, other banned children's books included some well-known classics. "Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl" was banned because it was "too depressing" and "The Color

Purple" for its "vulgar content."

Cynthia Mitchell, assistant professor in journalism and chair of the First Amendment Festival, said banning children's books is a horrible thing, and that libraries, school districts and some city governments are the ones who make attempts to ban books.

Although it is not illegal to read the banned books, they are removed from the libraries of the schools where the books have been banned. Therefore every student in the school loses a chance to read the book.

To raise awareness about this issue, Central Washington University's theatre department will perform theatrical readings of banned children's books for

the First Amendment Festival's Big Banned Books event on Nov. 14-17.

Elise Forier, an assistant professor in Central's theatre arts department, said the performances are part of the class project she oversees. The students chose the books, scripted the performances and will perform them.

The books that will be performed include: "A Light in the Attic" by Shel Silverstein, "Are You My Mother?" by P.D. Eastman, "Grimm's fairytales" and "The ABC's of Halloween" by Patty Eubank.

"I think banning books is ridiculous," Forier said. "I've never heard of anybody being hurt by reading something."

Forier thinks parents, not the schools or libraries, should be the ones who make decisions regarding which books their children can read.

"I want people to be like 'Is this harmful to children?' and 'Why are these books banned?'" Forier said.

Shelby Loyd, senior youth theatre major, also thinks banning children's books is not positive. She will be performing "Halloween ABC." This book challenged the public library in the Sandwich, Mass. in 1995 because it was "too violent for young children."

For more information about banned children's books, go to <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/banned-booksweek/bannedbooksweek.htm>.

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Wildcat's playoff chances fade

by Tyler Lobe
Staff reporter

Ahead by 17, the Central Washington University football team squandered the lead and the game to visiting Minnesota State University. It was the Mavericks who stole the spotlight at Tomlinson Stadium, potentially derailing the Wildcats' playoff hopes with 33 unanswered points.

On Saturday, which was Homecoming and Senior Day, Central jumped to a 17-0 lead and looked as if they would continue to earn their fourth consecutive victory by game's end. The loss dropped Central from 7th to 12th in the Northwest Region.

"[Our offense] didn't execute as well [in the second half] as we did in the first half," head Coach John Zamberlin said.

Central (6-4, 3-4 NCC) took their first drive 67 yards down the field in 11 plays and topped it off with a one yard touchdown run by senior halfback Will Bennett to take the 7-0 lead. Freshman kicker Garrett Rolsma added a three-pointer with 14:49 left in the second quarter to increase the score to 10-0. Just before the half, sophomore quarterback Mike Reilly passed to senior wide out Josh Boonstra from 14 yards out for the Wildcats' 17th point.

Consequently, the Mavericks' Melvin Matlock took the ensuing kick-off coast-to-coast 100 yards, making the score 17-7 going into the intermission.

From then on, the momentum shifted sides for the duration of the game.

Minnesota State, who upset then-11th-ranked South Dakota on Oct. 28, came out shooting in the third period. The Mavericks cut the deficit to four via a 60-yard pass from senior quarterback Ben King to senior wide receiver Joshua Bryant.

Reilly, in his second-year as the starting quarterback for the Wildcats,

threw his first interception in 123 pass attempts on the subsequent possession.

"We started feeling a little bit of pressure of them making a comeback," Reilly said. "I tried to do a little too much, I think, and just didn't go through my progressions of throwing the ball."

Central managed to keep Minnesota State off the scoreboard on their next offensive stint. However, with 3:09 remaining in the third quarter, King threw an eight-yard bullet to senior running back Dan Smedberg to take the lead, 20-17 in favor of Minnesota.

Reilly continued his offensive struggle during the next series, throwing his second of three picks on the day, which led to the first of two touchdowns by the Mavericks. Minnesota freshman running back Julian Phipps capped off a nine play, 65-yard drive with a one-yard scamper into the end zone early into the fourth quarter.

The Mavericks sealed the upset victory over the Wildcats, with 2:31 left in the game on a 13-yard pass from King to senior wide out Tyrell Smith.

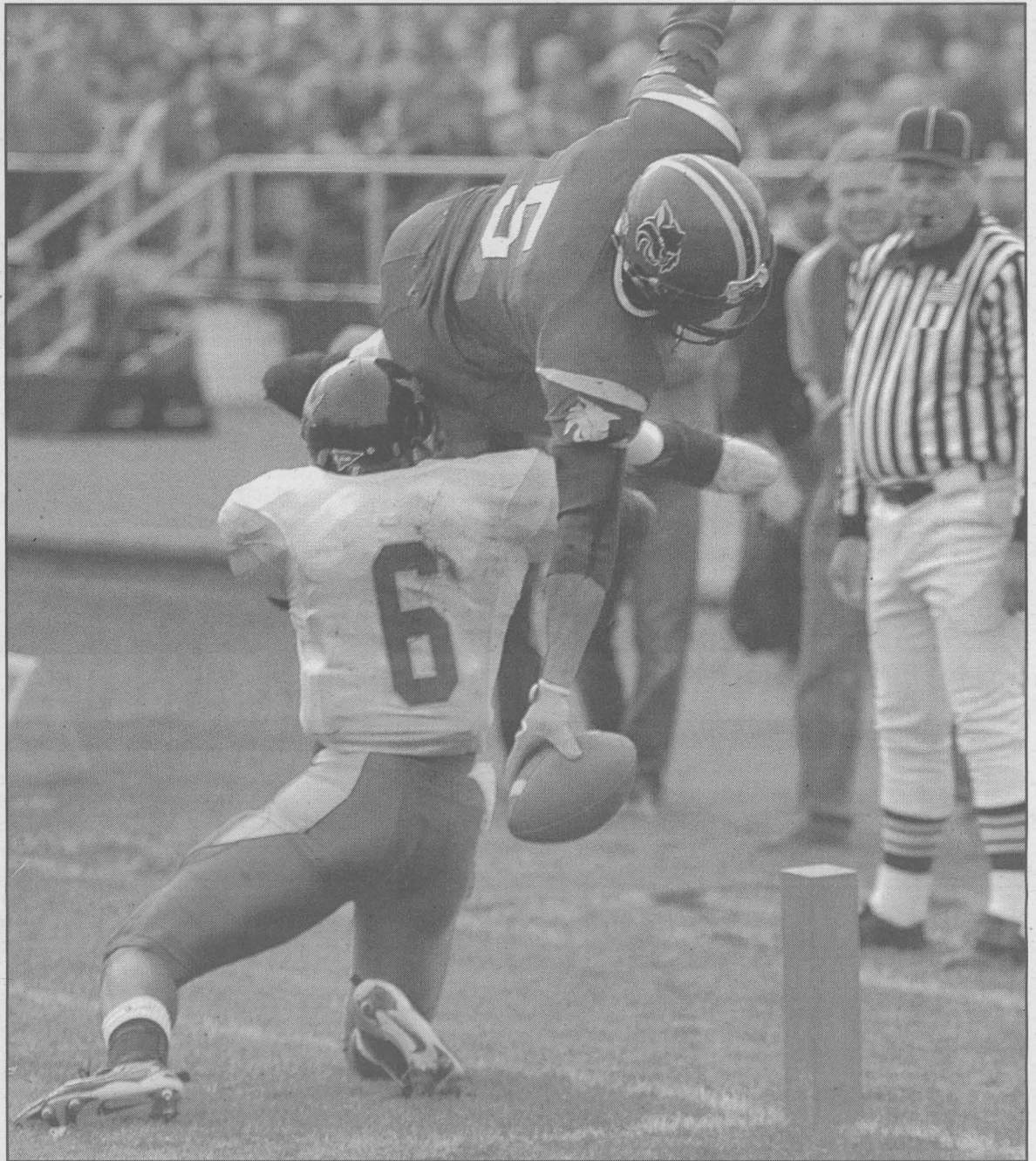
Both teams gained most of their offensive yards through the air. Reilly's arm accounted for 362 of the Wildcats' 385 yards.

Boonstra hauled in six catches for 139 yards with the aforementioned touchdown.

Senior linebacker Simon Iniguez and sophomore cornerback Brandon Kennedy led the defense with 10 tackles each.

Kennedy's effort earned him a career-high in stops as Iniguez matched his career-high in that department as well. Senior linebacker Chris Burch and junior linebacker Chris James finished with eight tackles apiece sharing Centrals only sack.

Central will travel to Omaha to play University of Nebraska-Omaha to close out their regular season.



David Woodford / Observer

Senior running back Will Bennett stretches past Minnesota State defensive back Melvin Matlock for the pylon and scored for Central. The Wildcats led by 17 until Minnesota came back with 33 unanswered points to win.

Cougars humble Wildcats hoops

by Ernie Vorhof
Staff reporter

Central's men's basketball team made the trip east last weekend to face off with the Washington State University Cougars in Pullman. The Wildcats were able to put up the first points of the game, but their lead would be only momentary as WSU went on a 14-0 run.

In an attempt to close the wound, senior Lance Den Boer hit a three pointer with about four minutes left in the first half. However, this would be the last points the Wildcats would score in the half, as the Cougars put up another 11 points during a 25-3 run. Washington State cruised to an 84-40 victory.

Central's woes continued in the second half as the Cougars proved to be too much to handle for the Wildcats. While the Wildcats struggled both offensively and defensively, shooting just 24.6 percent from the field and 19 percent from three point range, the Cougars were clicking, forcing 23 turnovers and shooting more than 50 percent.

"We got blown out by a very good Pac-10 team," head Coach Gary Spar-

"If we realize what each of us has to do, then I think we'll be in good shape."

~Lance Den Boer
senior forward

ling said. "They beat the University of Washington with their defense and we ran into that."

Den Boer, a former Cougar, led the Wildcats in scoring and was the only player to reach double figures with 10, in his return to Friel Court.

Senior center Julius McMillion, also a former Cougar, put up nine points in just 12 minutes off the bench. Junior forward/center Bryce Duab had a game-high nine rebounds in the losing effort.

As for the Cougars, they had three

players to reach double figures in scoring led by junior guard Derrick Low who had 18 points.

Low finished the afternoon hitting eight of his final 10 attempts, helping to lengthen the scoring gap.

"We came out with a lot of energy to start the game," Den Boer said. "But their pressure and quickness got the best of us, which led to a lot of easy baskets for them."

Fortunately for Central, the game was only an exhibition match. There is plenty of time to improve before the season starts.

"I hope the WSU game will pull us together as a team and [help us] realize what we need to do to get better," Den Boer said. "If we realize what each of us has to do, then I think we'll be in good shape."

The Wildcats will open the 2006-07 regular season on Friday, Nov. 17, facing Brigham Young-Hawaii in the first of three games at the Seaside Division II Classic in Laie, Hawaii.

"We've got a long road swing ahead, which includes five regional games," Sparling said. "We need to go over there [Hawaii] and take care of some business."

X-Country sends one to Nationals

by Brooke Saul
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's cross-country team traveled to Chico State University in Oroville, Calif. last weekend.

The Wildcat women finished sixth in the region as a team, while junior Katie Hummel placed third individually, earning her the first individual berth in the NCAA Division II National Cross-Country Championships on Nov. 18 at Pensacola, Fla.

Central last sent women to nationals in 2000 and the men sent runners in 1998.

Earlier this season, Hummel placed third at the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Cross-Country Championships and earned GNAC Newcomer of the Year honors.

"I was really just telling myself not to give up, and reminding myself how much I wanted to go to Nationals," Hummel said. "There are always a

couple times throughout a cross country race where I have to push myself more and mentally stay tough as I am starting to hurt more."

Hummel finished at the 21:10.90 mark.

"She has an excellent chance to be an All-American," Central head Coach Kevin Adkisson said.

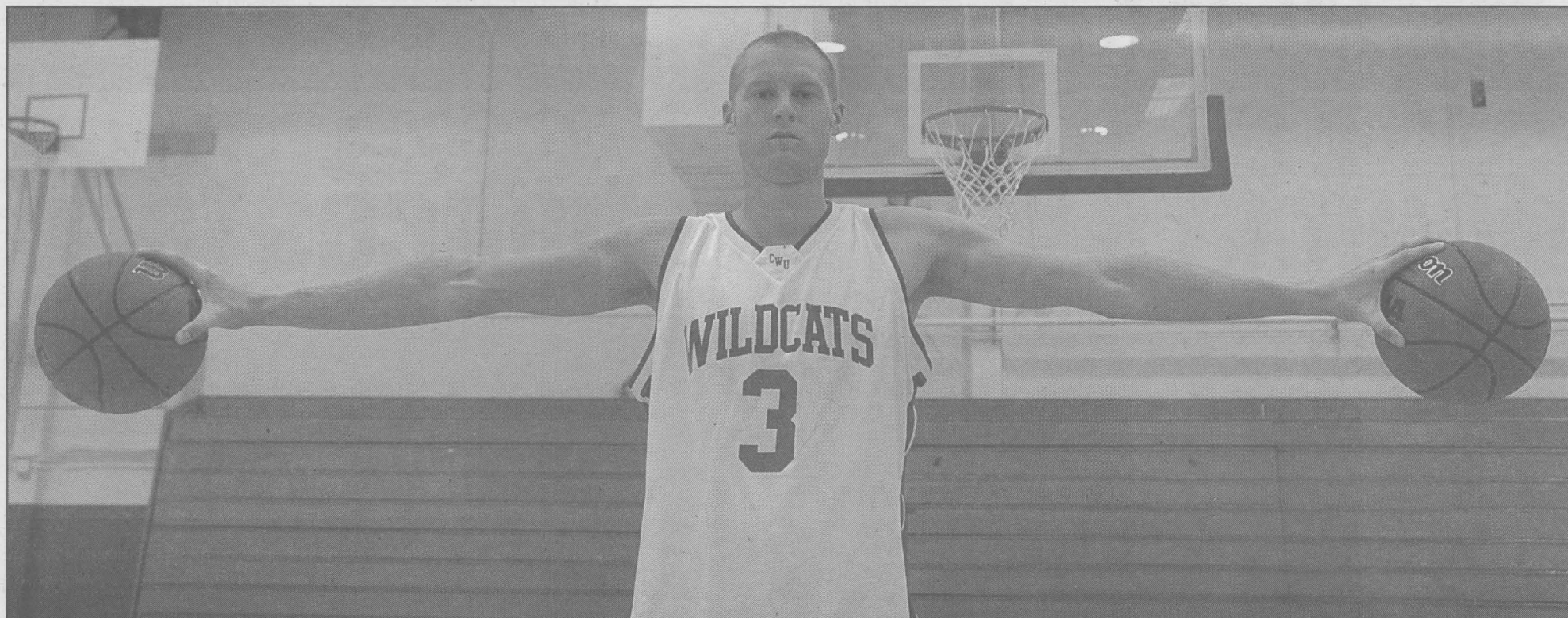
California State Los Angeles took first place for the women's regional followed by Seattle Pacific University. The University of California San Diego, California State Chico and University of Alaska Anchorage rounded out the top five.

Senior Rachel Bailey joined Hummel in earning all-region honors by running 21:49.62. She barely missed the West Region's other at-large berth in the NCAA Championships with an 11th place finish.

Five other Central women placed. Junior Sarah Benson placed 34th, run-

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Den Boer leads Central basketball into season



Patrick Lewis / Observer

Senior forward Lance Den Boer led the Wildcats in scoring last season with 20.6 points per game and was selected first team all-GNAC in both of his seasons as a Wildcat.

by Nolan Teasley
Staff reporter

Unfortunately in today's sports world it's not uncommon for an athlete with an endless amount of talent to put himself before the team, or to display more of an ego than humility. Fortunately for the Central Washington University's men's basketball team, Lance Den Boer isn't one of those athletes.

When asked about the team's goals for this year's season, Den Boer answered the question without any hesitation.

"GNAC [Great Northwest Athletic Conference] champs," Den Boer said.

When asked what his individual

goals were for the season, Den Boer seemed puzzled, as if the thought had never even crossed his mind. He paused for a few more moments, shrugged his shoulders and gave an answer.

"I don't have any personal goals," Den Boer said, "Whatever I can do to help the team win."

That short response said a thousand words. Many other athletes have been asked that same question and they don't hesitate to answer with rehearsed answers that they have most likely had on their mind since the end of the previous season.

"Lance can score, but if it was in the best interest of the team for him to play

a different role I know he wouldn't have a problem with that," senior center Bryan Freshwater said.

Den Boer, who has led the Wildcats in scoring for the last two seasons, seems to be content in not shooting if that meant the team would win. Let's not jump to any conclusions though; he needs to shoot and his coaches and team more than likely want him to.

"My coaches tell me to shoot even when the shots aren't falling," Den Boer said, "That tells me they have confidence in me, and it makes me have confidence in myself. I don't want to let my coaches or teammates down."

Den Boer has always had a scorer's mentality. He holds the Washington

state record for most points scored in a high school career. That success garnered him a scholarship to play for the Washington State University Cougars. When the coach who recruited him went elsewhere and was replaced with a defensive-minded coach, Den Boer decided it was time to take his game elsewhere.

While still wanting to stay close to home, Den Boer decided Central was the right fit. Now with a lot of talented players in place and an experienced coaching staff to lead them the Wildcats are the preseason favorite to make a run at the GNAC championship.

"The core is there, so we just filled some holes," Den Boer said. "We have

so many options we'll be really tough to defend."

The Wildcats will be on the road until they return for a home game against Walla Walla Community College on December 14, so it's going to be a bit of a wait to watch Den Boer and the Wildcats showcase their skills in Nicholson Pavilion.

"Road trips always wear on you, but the team will be ready to go for the home opener," student assistant coach Chris Banish said.

When that first game comes around be sure you're there to watch how good Den Boer and the Wildcats really are this season, because you'll never hear it from him.

Wildcat volleyball earns eighth seed in regional tournament

by Nathan Young
Staff reporter

Despite losing their last two matches, the Central Washington University women's volleyball team made the playoffs for the third straight year in California.

Central will enter the post-season rated as the last seed in the eight team NCAA Division II Pacific Regional tournament, after a 19-7 overall record and a 10-6 record in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC). The tournament will begin Thursday Nov. 9.

The Wildcats recorded their first-ever NCAA tournament victory last year by beating Cal Poly Pomona. They went on to lose to this year's foe, Cal State San Bernardino in the semifinals. Cal State finished the regular season with a 25-1 record, claiming the California Collegiate Athletic Association championship, and will prove to be a tough match for a young Wildcat team.

"(Cal State) San Bernardino is typically a very physical team, athletic and well-coached," head Coach Mario Andaya said in a recent press release. "[The tournament] is on their home court, so it will be a tough environment for us to play in. As a team, we will have to figure out our best plan of attack to stop them. We have to make sure we are sound on our side of the net and that we're doing what we have done thus far."

The Wildcat's lost to Seattle University on Nov. 2 and to Northwest Nazarene on Nov. 4.

Central won the first game 30-25, against the ninth-ranked Seattle Redhawks, but went on to lose three straight at the Connolly Center on the Seattle University campus.

The rest of the match would be characterized by late SU rallies to win games. Central led late in game two, 25-22, but a rally brought the Redhawks back.

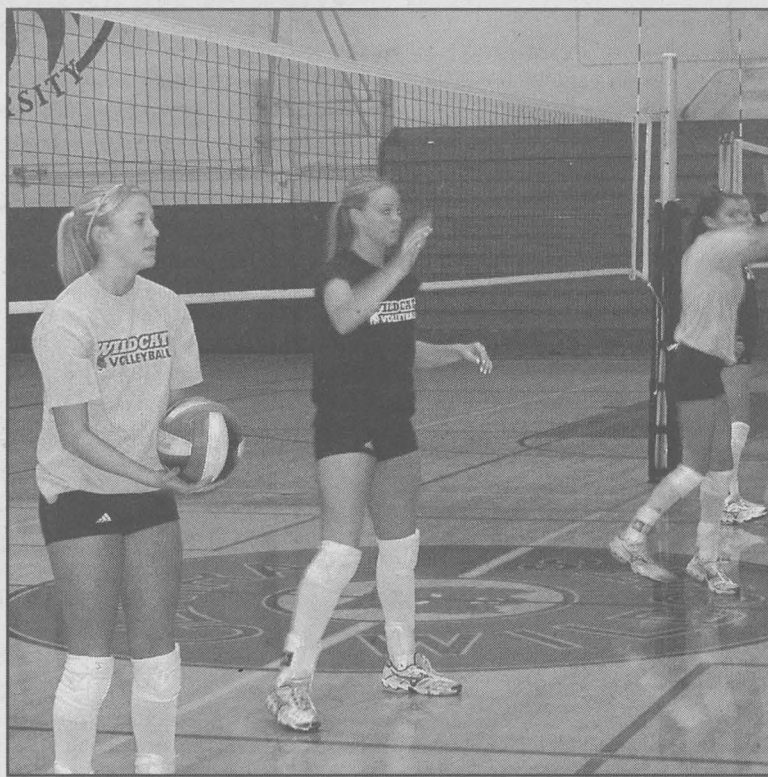
An early lead for Seattle in game three put the Wildcats in a tough position. After being down 10-5, Central came back to lead by two at 24-22. Seattle responded with eight of the game's last nine points to win 30-25.

Game four was a disaster. Central trailed by as many as nine early on and were never able to come back. They lost the match on an attack error that gave Seattle University the win. The loss snapped a four-match winning streak that helped get the Wildcats into the playoffs.

The Wildcats were led by senior outside hitter (OH) Kristin Pasley with 12 kills, five serve aces, and 17 defensive digs. Junior OH Stephanie Powell led the team offensively with 17 kills on 37 attempts.

The Wildcats lost again to Northwest Nazarene on Nov. 4, 3-1. Central's offense came out strong early in the match to lead them to a strong win. Their offense would suffer in the next three games as they lost, 32-30, 30-21, 30-29. The loss brings Central to the end of their regular season, as they head into the playoffs on Nov. 9.

Central co-captains senior setter



Alaina Stenberg / Observer

Freshman libero, Deidre Scheidt and sophomore outsider hitter Kayla Roof warm-up during practice this week. Central will open the playoffs with tournament host California State San Bernadino tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Lindsay Dollente and Pasley have been named to the All-GNAC first team.

Powell and sophomore Rachel Schurman were named to the second team and honorable mention respectively.

Pasley had a career year this year averaging, 3.40 kills per game. She cur-

rently ranks second on the Wildcats in kills, among all-time leaders. Pasley is also third in digs all-time.

Dollente finished her senior season with 12.67 assists per game. She was selected to the all-GNAC second team last year, and is one of only two setters on this year's first team.

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ning at 22:54.72, senior Amber Green came in 57th at 23:44.03, freshman Stephanie Cooke took 71st, with a time of 24:06.90, freshman Mary Bakeman came in at 77th with a time of 24:16.99, and sophomore Kirsten Clarke finished 90th at 24:40.87.

It was a great effort and was too bad that they run in a strong region for individuals.

"I think the team ran really strong and had challenging courses," Adkisson said.

The men's cross-country team finished 12th.

Junior Sam Scotchmer had the highest individual men's finish ever at the NCAA regional meet, placing seventh in the 10-kilometer race with a time of 32:39.34. He finished third among GNAC representatives.

Other individuals who placed on the men's team were: freshman Jonathon Rank at 66th with a time of 35:19.33, junior Kevin Blount who placed 17th with a time of 35:38.90, freshman Scott Palmer crossed at 35:56.98 in 79th place, freshman Eric Ardisson placed 18th with a time of 36:08.12 and senior Brian Rockenbach placed 84th with a time of 36:23.84.

The Division II cross-country national championships will be a part of the Division II Fall Sports Festival.

Mix of new faces and veteran play give both rugby teams victories

by Melanie Lockhart
Staff reporter

The Central Washington University women's rugby team took full advantage of their first chance to play at home last Saturday against Western Washington University.

The Wildcat women kicked it off at 9 a.m. and took a strong defensive stance against Vikings.

"I think everyone on the team had a really great game," Chelsea Nyhus, sophomore inside center, said. "The defense came together and the offense played well."

The first score of the game came from junior fullback Rachel Tisabel in a penalty try, giving Central an early lead. Nyhus brought the Wildcats their second try of the match.

Junior outside center Jessica Thompson claimed Central's third try, followed by Christina Zier, freshman hooker, scoring a final time for the Wildcats.

The women's defense held strong against the Vikings, but Western's offense broke through the Wildcats

twice to finalize the score at 24-10.

The win over Western leaves the women undefeated so far in league play, as they beat the University of Washington on Oct. 28.

"The newcomers add a lot to the team," Nyhus said, "and the returners have really stepped it up a notch."

The men's rugby team kicked off a non-league game also against Western Washington, following the women's match, and took an early lead in the first five minutes of game play.

Western's men's team dropped to Division II this year, having played in Division I with the Wildcats in previous years.

Senior fullback Jason Foster ran past the Western defense to score the first try, putting the Wildcats up 5-0.

Sophomore wing Mike Nelson scored the second try of the first half, followed by a conversion completed by freshman fly-half Aaron Lee to put Central up 12-0.

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Seniors finish out collegiate careers

by Tyler Lobe
Staff reporter

For 17 Central Washington University football seniors, Saturday marked the final collegiate home game in a contest with North Central Conference foe Minnesota State.

These seniors have been a part of five straight winning seasons, enjoying a 27-15 record since the beginning of the 2003 campaign, and have celebrated two Great Northwest Athletic Conference Championships. They have fit very well into the NCC as an affiliate member in 2006 giving the seniors every reason to take pleasure in what they have accomplished.

"I'm going to miss the character of (the seniors)," head Coach John Zamberlin said. "We're proud of what they have accomplished, not just football wise, but academically and socially."

In 33 games played, Ryan Andrews has 181 tackles including one sack. He's intercepted nine passes and will be deeply missed in the Central secondary.

Chris Burch, one of three senior defensive captains this season, has 142 career tackles as 46 of them have come



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Minnesota State freshman cornerback Kelvin Rodgers tackles Central senior wide receiver Josh Boonstra who had six catches for 139 yards.

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A penalty tri was scored by the Wildcats to end the first half.

Senior fly-half Mike Merrill successfully converted after the first try was scored in the second half, increasing Central's lead to 26-0. Merrill filled in as kicker after Lee suffered an injury ten minutes into the second half and was forced to sit out the remainder of the game.

David Jones, senior scrum-half and captain, scored the fifth try for the Wildcats after the team's forwards successfully passed him the ball.

Merrill converted a final time after

junior flanker Cameron McVicker scored the last tri of the game, while holding the Vikings scoreless with a 38-0 finish.

"Central dominated the game in every aspect," Jones said. "We crushed them in every tackle and held them to a scoreless game."

The men will pick up game play again Feb. 3, 2007 in a match against Oregon State University.

The Wildcat women faceoff at home against Idaho State University next week at the Tomlinson pitch on Nov. 11.

"I hope we make it to the playoffs and remain undefeated," Nyhus said.



David Woodford / Observer

Junior flyhalf Natalie Curfman breaks free from Western defenders last Saturday. The Wildcats went on to defeat the Vikings 24-10.

FOOTBALL:

Seniors prepare for final regular season game

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this season. In 2005, he contributed 74 stops. He also scored his only touchdown for his career, returning a 37-yard interception.

Simon Iniguez, another team captain, has become a dominant force at linebacker this season. He has appeared in all 20 games in the past two seasons. Iniguez has 126 tackles in his tenure.

Like teammates Burch and Iniguez, Phil Dougherty shared co-captain honors. He appeared in every game this season and has recorded 70 tackles, including nine sacks over his career as a Wildcat.

Adam Jackson has appeared in 36 games during his career, making an even 100 stops, five interceptions, including one for a touchdown. Kellen Becker has added 97 tackles, including nine sacks.

Coby Sadler, a kicker/punter and a native of Ellensburg, is currently 10th on the all-time list in total points scored with 158. He also ranks second all-time in Point After Touchdown (PAT) kicks made (92), attempted (103), field goals made (22) and attempted and average yards per punt at (39.64).

Will Bennett, a transfer from Washington State two seasons ago, has chipped in with three touchdowns in his two years at Central at running back, rushing for 579 yards.

Josh Boonstra, has had his best year in 2006 as a receiver, making 50 catches this season.

During his four-year tenure, he has 926 yards receiving and has found the end zone seven times. He accumulated 139 of those yards in Saturday's contest against Minnesota State, his best single-game output of his career.

"I'm glad I played well (on Saturday) but I could have played better and a lot of people could have played better," Boonstra said. "I would have rather have not caught any balls at all and got the victory but that's not the way it worked out."

Sophomore quarterback Mike Reilly praised Boonstras efforts for stepping into a bigger role this year after playing behind Brian Potucek, who topped many receiving records over his career.

"(Boonstra) is a great guy and has great work ethic," Reilly said. "He had a great game on Saturday and it was a great way for him to end his career here at Central."

With the playoffs now out of reach, barring a miracle, the Wildcats will look to finish the season off strong.

"We have a lot of pride still," Boonstra said. "We are not just going to roll over."

The aforementioned seniors, as well as Brad Addink, Anthony Hamilton, Tony Lopez, Josh Jessup, Marcellus Justin, Cade Kittrell, Dan Lapinski and B.J. Ray will all suit up for their final collegiate football game on Saturday when the Wildcats travel to Nebraska to take on nationally-ranked Nebraska-Omaha (7-2, 6-1 NCC).

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